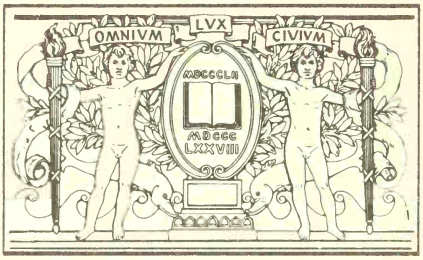

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Because he loved me and encouraged

me in every worthwhile thing I ever did

THE CORNETT FAMILY is lovingly dedicated to

Grover Cleveland Cornett

(1885-1968)

PREFACE

Grover Cleveland Cornett, my beloved husband and companion for fifty-seven years, gathered much of the material for this book, tracing his family back to William Cornett, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and trying to tie in the connection of his family with King Canute I of England through the Cornetts of Grayson County, Virginia. Most of this information was in the form of old letters from several of Grover's relatives and from the carbon copies of his answers to those letters. His correspondence with Mrs. Mildred Watkins, Ancestral Hunter for the Shreveport Journal, was a great help, as was also her encouragement to me.

I have attempted to trace the descendants of each of the ten children of John Cornett II (1828-1904), grandson of William Cornett (1761-1836), to the present time, November 1, 1970. John Cornett II was my husband's grandfather. He is listed in J. D. Cornett's "Genealogy of William Cornett," and his marriage to Nancy Combs is noted there, but no further record is given. It is to be hoped that this addition to the record of the Cornetts will enable many of his descendants to locate themselves accurately within the family and perhaps to establish connections.

My basic reason for writing this book is that my husband started it and worked for many years gathering the material. He planned to have it published. It seemed to me that the least I could do to honor his memory was to complete the work he had started. During his retirement years, I have heard him say, "I'm living on borrowed time. I live one day at a time, and each day as though it might be my last."

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Denzil O. Evans, who

also has some connection with the Cornett family, for the use of his copy of "Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia," and to the Hazard, Kentucky, Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for their permission to use excerpts from their "History of Perry County, Kentucky."

I am indebted to those interested relatives who sent me the information about their families and especially to those whose encouragement gave me confidence when the task seemed too large.

Mr. J. D. Cornett, of Daisy, Kentucky, had some correspondence with my husband, in which he gave his permission to use any part of his little book "Genealogy of William Cornett (1761-1836)." I am grateful for that permission.

I am grateful also to my son, Richard Orin Cornett, for his reading of the manuscript and his suggested changes.

The memory of my precious husband has kept me at the task until its completion. I hope that those descendants of the Cornetts who read this book will be pleased with it.

Essie Richardson Cornett
Laurel, Maryland, November 1970

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Chapter I

CANUTE

"Up to about the year 1871, the Cornett family of Grayson County, Virginia spelled their name Canute; in all their business transactions it was written Canute, and some of the older people still spell it and pronounce it that way. The family tradition is that they are descended from King Canute of England."[1]

Canute, known as "the Great," King of England, Denmark and Norway, the son of Sweyn Forkbeard, King of Denmark, was born in 995 A.D. In 1013, he sailed with his father for England and shared in the conquest of Wessex. After Sweyn's death, in February, 1014, and the return of King Ethelred of England, who had fled to Normandy, Canute was driven out of the country, only to return again in 1015 with a strong Danish fleet. Canute met with some resistance but continued on to Wessex and, in November 1016, he was elected King of all England. Under the rule of Canute "the Great" there grew up a great Anglo-Scandinavian kingdom that included parts of Sweden.

Though the reign of Canute was outwardly prosperous through a period of unusual order and security, the spirituality and learning of the nation decreased. The invasion of the Danes had fallen heavily on the church; priests were martyred and slaughtered, churches sacked and burned. The decline in national character injuriously affected the church.[2]

[1] B. F. Nuckolls. Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia. King Printing Company, 1914. P. 162.

[2] Encycopedia Britannica, Vol. 4, p. 773-4, 1962.

"After his first harsh measures were over, Canute sought the friendship of both Church and people. He gave the country peace. He rebuked the flattering of courtiers by showing them that the in-rolling tide is no respecter of persons; he endeavored to rule justly, and his liking for the monks found expression in his song:

'Merrily sang the Monks of Ely,
As Canute the King was passing by.'"[3]

Canute seemed to have had more ideas of central government than any of the earlier Saxon kings. He held the kingdom together and, in 1028, was able to subdue the greater part of Norway. Canute's plan was to establish a great Northern Empire embracing Denmark, Sweden, Norway and England. In this large realm, he divided England into four districts; Wessex, Marcia, East Angelo and Northumbria, which, with their dependencies, embraced the entire country. For a time the arrangement worked well, but eventually discord sprang up among the rulers. Their individual ambitions and their efforts to obtain supreme authority imperiled the unity of the country.

Canute died at Shaftesbury on 12 November 1035, in his fortieth year, and was buried at Winchester. He was succeeded by his son, Canute II, in 1036, and shortly afterward the great kingdom was dissolved. England was lost to the Scandinavian power.

[3] B. F. Nuckolls. Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia. op. cit.

Chapter II

THE CANUTES OF GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA[1]

Among the descendents of Canute who were not driven out of England when his kingdom was dissolved were seven brothers who came to America in 1740.

William Canute Sr. (1777-1862), the son of James Canute, one of the seven brothers, was an early settler in Grayson County, Virginia. In the first and second generations, all the Canutes of Grayson County spelled and pronunced their names Canute. About the third generation, some of the young people decided to spell it Cornett and pronounce it accordingly, though most of them retained the spelling Canute in business transactions.

William Canute Sr. married Jennie Sutherland (1787-1869), a daughter of John Sutherland Sr., and his wife, Elizabeth Bryan. In the history of the Bryan family, written by the wife of William Jennings Bryan, she states, "The great grandfather of William Jennings Bryan had a brother, Francis Bryan, and a sister, Elizabeth Bryan, that moved west from Eastern Virginia, and the family has lost trace of them."

In the early settlement of Southwest Virginia, Francis Bryan and his sister, Elizabeth Bryan, came to Fort Chiswell and the Lead Mines; from there they crossed the Iron Mountain and settled on Elk Creek. Elizabeth Bryan married John Sutherland Sr., and brought up a family of sons and daughters. Francis Bryan married Phoebe Woodruff, and moved from Elk Creek to Ashe County, North Carolina.

[1] Most of the material in this chapter is taken from the book by B. F. Nuckolls, Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County, Virginia, Chapter VIII, "The Cornett Family." Some of the material is reworked, but most of it is essentially as given in the book cited.

John Sutherland's family were originally from Scotland.

William Canute Sr. and wife, Jennie Sutherland, had a large family. They all settled on Elk Creek in Grayson County, Virginia.

(1) Colonel Eli Canute, the first son of William Sr. and Jennie Canute, married Sena Hale, the daughter of Richard Hale and wife, Elizabeth Stone. Eli and Sena Canute had two sons; Captain William *Cornett* and Captain Wiley Winston *Cornett*. They also had six daughters; Matilda, Elizabeth, Amanda, Elvira, Theresa and Jennie.

Captain William Cornett, the first son of Eli and Sena Canute, married Linnie Mitchell, daughter of William M. Mitchell, and wife, Sofia P. Hale. They had four sons: William Swift, Clarke Hale, Benjamin Winton and Earl Garland. They also had six daughters: Maud, Forest, Linnie, Bertha, Pauline, Gay and Dawn.

Wiley Winston Cornett, the second son of Eli and Sena Canute, enlisted in the Army of the Confederacy in 1861, and later became Captain W. W. Cornett of Co. F., 4th Virginia Infantry, Regiment C.L.A. In 1884, he moved to Missouri in a covered wagon.

(2) Levi *Cornett,* the second son of William Canute Sr. and his wife, Jennie, married Olive Hale, daughter of Dudley Hale and wife, Mary Burroughs. They had seven sons.

(a) Francis Cornett, the first son of Olive and Levi Cornett, married Miss Austin of Elk Creek, Virginia. They had sons and daughters. His second marriage was to Jane Daniels of Elk Creek. They also had sons and daughters.

(b) George W. Cornett, the second son of Levi and Olive Cornett, married Miss Herbert and they had one son, Thomas. His second marriage was

to Sarah Gentry, daughter of Colonel Allen Gentry and wife, Rebecca Reeves. Judge George W. Cornett was a lawyer, a judge of the county court, and represented Grayson County in the legislature. He was a useful and worthy citizen of the county for many years. He had a son and four daughters by his second wife. Munsey, the son, was a lawyer; married and had children. His first daughter, Myrtle, married Rev. Kelly Boyer, member of the Western North Carolina Conference. The second daughter married Frank Sanders, son of John L. Sanders, Chilhowie, Virginia. Another daughter married Professor Morgan Cheek, Principal of Elk Creek High School.

(c) William, the third son of Levi and Olive Cornett, married Callie Delph. They had one daughter, who married a Mr. Copenhaver, of Smyth County, Virginia. William's second marriage was to Fisher Asbury, of Wythe County. They had one son, Thomas, who married the daughter of Ellis Lundy and wife, Alice Hale.

(d) Zach. M., the fourth son of Levi and Olive Cornett, married Gazilda Cecil, of Pulaski County, Virginia and lived there. They had children.

(e) Miles Foy, the fifth son of Levi and Olive Cornett, died single.

(f) Lewis K., the sixth son of Levi and Olive Cornett, married Nannie Warrick. They had two children. He was representative to the Legislature of Virginia from Grayson County for the second time.

(g) Friel, the seventh son of Levi and Olive Cornett, lives at the old homestead on Elk Creek. He married Hester Ring. They had one son, Romulus Ring Cornett, and four daughters; Isabella who married Colonel William Mitchell; Nancy, who married Lewis Perkins; Elvira, who married

James Cornett and lived on Elk Creek; Theresa, who married Carson Andis.

(3) Francis Cornett Sr., the third son of Jennie and William Canute Sr., married Catherine Fulton, daughter of Samuel Fulton and wife, Martha Powell-Jones. They had three sons: Samuel Monroe Cornett, who married Jame McCarty of Elk Creek; Professor Fielden R. Cornett, who married Malissa Copenhaver of Smyth County, Virginia; and Peyton H. Cornett, who married Amelia Cox, daughter of Enoch Cox and wife, Susan Thomas of Bridle Creek, Virginia. Francis and Catherine Cornett also had two daughters; Amanda, who married Van Buren McCarta, and Martha Powell Cornett, who died single.

(4) Colonel Alexander Cornett, the fourth son of Jennie and William Canute Sr., married Jemima Rhudy. They had five sons: Friel N., James P., William J., Stephen H., and Eli C. They also had five daughters: Marta, Elizabeth, Theresa, Charlotte, and Nancy.

William Canute Sr. and his wife, Jennie had three daughters: Charlotte D., who married William Rhudy, and had a family of sons and daughters; Lucy H., who married Andrew Porter. They lived on Elk Creek and had sons and daughters. Margaret, the third daughter, married Rev. Abraham Elliott, a local Methodist preacher. They settled on Meadow Creek and afterward moved to the Cornett mills on Elk Creek. From there they moved to Independence, Virginia where they kept the Hotel Elliot in operation. They brought up a family of sons and daughters, and all of them settled in and around the town of Independence. Their youngest daughter, Margaret, married William Wright who was editor of the "Journal," the Independence newspaper, for more than forty years.

William Canute Sr. was an energetic, enterprising citizen,

and he trained his family to be useful and industrious. William Canute Sr. built a mill for grinding grain, a sawmill, and a carding machine for carding wool. These mills were built in the early days on the banks of Elk Creek, and were used by the settlers for many miles around.

Chapter III

WILLIAM CORNETT (1761-1836)

William Cornett, Revolutionary War soldier, was the son of John Canute, one of the seven brothers who came from England in 1740 and settled in America. John Canute, who changed his name to John Cornett, settled in the colony of Virginia.

William Cornett was born in Henrico County, Virginia, in 1761. While a resident of Buckingham County, Va. in 1779, he enlisted in the Revolutionary War and served in Captain Anthony Winston's Company, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Skipps. He continued in the service until his term of six months expired when he was honorably discharged at Maubin Hills by Captain Winston in 1780.

In 1780, William re-enlisted in Buckingham County, Virginia, and served under Captain Saunders, Major Garnaway and Colonel Patterson. From Buckingham, they marched over to the eastern shore of the country. He served until his term expired, and he was honorably discharged at White Oak Springs, Little York, shortly before Lord Cornwallis surrendered the English Forces at Yorktown on 19 October 1781.[1]

After the War of the Revolution, William Cornett returned to Virginia and married Rhoda Gilliam. They were married in Washington County 4 May 1790 by John Frost. To them were born four children: John, Arch, Lucy and Elisabeth.

John Cornett married Rachael Smith and settled on Carr's Fork in Kentucky.

[1] Copy of William Cornett's application for an army pension

Arch Cornett married Judy McDaniel and settled on Clover Fork of Big Leatherwood River in Kentucky.

Lucy Cornett married Woolery Eversole, the youngest son of Jacob Eversole.

Elisabeth Cornett married William Campbell. They had twelve children.

After the death of his first wife, Rhoda, William Cornett married Mary Everage in April, 1796. Mary was a young widow with two little girls, Sally and Polly. Shortly after they were married, William went with Gideon Ison on a hunting and exploring expedition in Kentucky.

KENTUCKY

William Cornett made his first visit to Kentucky with his friend, George Gideon Ison, on a hunting and exploring trip. Game was scarce in Virginia and they had heard that bear, deer and other game were plentiful in Kentucky. They had also heard of the land that had been set aside there by the United States Government for soldiers of the Revolution to settle and make homes.[2]

As they traveled with their horses loaded with equipment for camping as well as with ammunition, they kept a sharp look out for Indians. They became even more apprehensive as they crossed over the Big Black Mountains into Kentucky.

After about three days travel they came to the mouth of Beech Fork in Big Leatherwood, Perry County, Kentucky. There they discovered several acres of level country with the finest timber they had ever seen. They also saw signs of a plentiful supply of game.

While cooking venison for their supper they talked of the beautiful country, the fine homes that could be built with logs from the tall, straight trees, and discussed the advisability of bringing their families to live in Kentucky.

[2] J. D. Cornett, Genealogy of William Cornett, 1761-1836.

Early the next morning they arose enthused over their good prospects, and started out to make an extended hunt for deer and bear; one going up the creek and the other down in order to explore as much as possible in one day. Within a few hours Gideon Ison came upon a smouldering fire. It was soon obvious to him that Indians had camped the night before. He hurried back to the camp with visions of being chased and scalped running through his mind. He intended to get on his horse and go home, leaving all his camping gear.

As he got on his horse he began to worry about the Indians finding William. He got off his horse and paced around the camp as he worried and waited. When he told William about the fire, William laughed. "Damned if I didn't see one today," he said, "he was worse scared than I was, and running the other way fast."

They prepared and ate supper very quietly without making a fire, then packed their camping gear for an early start the next morning. The thought that the Indians might attack them in the night was so impressed on their minds that they did not try to sleep but sat quietly by their packs all night. When the first gleam of light showed in the eastern sky, they mounted their horses and were immediately on their way back to their Virginia homes.

Not many months after their return to Virginia, both men loaded all their worldly possessions into wagons and moved their families to Kentucky; Gideon Ison to settle on Line Fork in Letcher County, and William Cornett to settle at the mouth of Bull Creek in Perry County.

William Cornett filed on a claim allotted to him by the government, and built a comfortable log house for his family of two boys and four girls. They all worked at clearing the land and planting crops. New rooms were added to the log house as needed for their growing family.

To William Cornett and Mary Everage were born seven children.

Robert Bustard, born in 1798, married Louise Combs and

settled at the mouth of Buffalo Creek four miles above Hazard, Kentucky.

Roger, born 6 January 1805, died 27 September 1885. Married Polly Lewis.

Nancy, dates not given, married Samuel Combs, son of "Danger" Nick Combs.

Rachel, born 10 February 1807, died 15 April 1887, married John A. Caudill.

Samuel, born 4 March 1809, died 24 November 1860, married Polly Adams.

Nathaniel Wolery, born 2 April 1811, died 12 January 1889, married Lydia Caudill.

Joseph E., born 28 April 1814, died 30 May 1891, married Sally Brown. He helped to lay out the town of Whitesburg and later became the County Judge.

Mary Everage had two little girls when she married William Cornett. Sally Everage married Thomas McDaniel. Polly Everage married Robert S. Brashear and settled at the mouth of Little Leatherwood. He owned the farm known as the Salt Works Farm, near the mouth of the river. To them were born the following children: Joe, Ray, Thomas, William, Marinda, Eliza, Martha, Mariah, Mary and Peggy. Thomas and his mother, Polly Everage Brashear, were buried in the Cornett Graveyard near the graves of William Cornett and Mary.

In a few years the family of six children had increased to thirteen, and the older ones were grown and married. Most of them settled on farmland in Perry County or surrounding counties and had families of their own.

On 12 August 1833, William Cornett made an application to the government of the United States, through the county court of Perry County, Kentucky, for a pension that had been granted by an Act of Congress on June 7, 1832, for soldiers who had served in the War of the Revolution. He stated that he was 71 years old at that time and gave his complete war record with dates of each of his two enlistments, the names of officers under whom he served, and dates and places of his honorable discharges. He had affidavits sworn

to by two people that he was entitled to the pension. He was granted a pension of $40 a year for the rest of his life.

William Cornett died 26 November 1836. Mary Cornett made an application for a widow's pension 28 September 1852, stating that she had been a widow for sixteen years. She died not long after the application was filed.[3]

William and Mary Cornett are buried in the Cornett Cemetery near the site of their old home about a mile from Cornettsville, originally called Salt Creek from the salt wells at the mouth of Leatherwood. Cornettsville is a small railroad station on the North Fork of the Kentucky River eighteen miles south of Hazard, Kentucky. It has a post office with two star-routes operated by horse-back, a depot, two stores and about twenty houses. The name was changed because all of the residents were descendants of William Cornett.

William Cornett has more than a hundred grandchildren, a large number of great-grandchildren, and hundreds of descendants in Eastern Kentucky.

William Cornett had a brother, Samuel Cornett, born 7 May 1759, died 12 March 1849. He married Polly Davidson and settled on Line Fork in Letcher County, Kentucky. To them were born the following children: Clark, William, James, Samuel, Hiram, Joe, Katie and Linda.

[3] Copy of Mary Cornett's application for a pension.

Chapter IV

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM CORNETT[1]

The first son of William and Rhoda Gilliam was John Cornett, who married Rachael Smith and settled on Carr's Fork. To them were born the following children:

(1) Robert S., who married Adaline Brashear. They had twelve children: Manton, Thiophilis, Newton, Jasper, Elisabeth, Rachal, Rhoda, Nancy, William Riley, J. Dixon, Mary and Robert S.
(2) John, who married Nancy Combs and settled on a farm near Hazard in Perry County. They moved to Dutton, Arkansas in 1870. Their children were Archibald, John Jr., Elijah, Judy, Laurainie, Adaline, Robert E. Lee, Minerva, Polly Ann and Emma.
(3) Arch, for whom we have no record.
(4) Rusell, who married Milly Combs. To them were born, Jason, William, Rebecca, Martha Ellen.
(5) Rhoda, who married Madison Pigman, son of Leonard Pigman, veteran of the Revolutionary War as listed on the Pension List of Perry County before 1840.
(6) Mary, who married John Stacey,
(7) Elizabeth, who married Bill Ashley,
(8) Frankie, who married Bill Owens,
(9) Nancy, who married Wilburn Amburgy, and
(10) Hardin, who died at eighteen.

[1] Most of the information in this chapter was obtained from "The Genealogy of William Cornett, 1761-1836," by J. D. Cornett. He lists John Cornett II (who married Nancy Combs), as the second son of John Cornett I, first son of William Cornett, but gives no further information about him. [The descendants of John Cornett II and Nancy Combs are traced in detail in Chapter VII through XIV.]

The second son of William Cornett and Rhoda Gilliam was Arch Cornett, born 12 January 1789, died 1783. He married Judy McDaniel and settled at the mouth of Clover Fork of Big Leatherwood Creek, Perry County, Kentucky. To them were born:

William, who first married Nancy Minniard. They had Judy, Arch (Bud), John, Louisa, William S., and James H. William married the second time, to Becky Morgan, and they had three children: Nancy Jane, Wilson and Fred. William then married the third time, and had two children: Granville G. and Rachel. His third wife was Lindy Garrison.

Other children of Arch Cornett and Judy McDaniel, besides William were John, Robert, Arch, Anderson, Hiram, Polly and Elisabeth.

The first daughter of William Cornett and Rhoda Gilliam was Lucy Cornett, who married Woleary Eversole, youngest son of Jacob Eversole, a Baptist minister, who came from North Carolina in the early days and preached for many years in Perry County. To Lucy Cornett and Woleary Eversole were born three sons and one daughter: Joe, in 1818, John, in 18--, William in 1814 and Elisabeth in 1820.

The second daughter of William Cornett and Rhoda Gilliam was Elisabeth. She married William Campbell and their children are: Wm. B., Woleary, Lewis, Lucy, John, Rhoda, Nancy, Judith, Sally, Elisabeth, Patsy and Polly.

The seven children of William Cornett and Mary Everage are as follows:

Robert Bustard, who married Louisa Combs and settled at the mouth of Buffalo Creek four miles above Hazard. Six children were born to them: Lige, who married Cintha Griggsby and they had Genny, Celia (Bink), Dan, Ben, Wm. G., Nancy, Elhanon, Isabell, Mat, Martha and Elvira. Henry, the second son of Robert Bustard and Louisa Combs, married Susan Begley, settled near the mouth of Buffalo Creek, and they had Robert, Bent, Whitt, Russel, Lena and Nancy Ann. John Cornett, the third son of Robert Bustard and Louisa Combs, married Catherine Combs, settled on Buffalo Creek,

and they had Morgan, Arch, Ira, Lizza, Louisa, Nancy Ann and Bud. Polly Cornett, the first daughter of Robert Bustard and Louisa Combs never married. Sally Cornett, the second daughter, married Nickolas Combs and they had Kendrick, Rev., Robert, Nancy who married Joe Bruer, and Mary. Cinda Cornett, the third daughter, married Eli Combs, settled on the river near Buffalo Creek, and they had Augustus, Leslie, Betty Jane, Lige, Green and Martha.

Roger Cornett, the second son of William Cornett and Mary Everage, was born in January 1805, died 27 September 1885. He married Polly Lewis on 23 January 1827, and to them were born ten children. First, Charles Lewis Cornett, born 20 October 1828, died 15 April 1900. He married Polly Creech 10 January 1850, and settled on Bull Creek, Perry County, Ky. To them were born: Martha Ann, born in 1851, died 1857.

Wm. H., the second child of Charles Lewis Cornett and Polly Creech, born 13 January 1854, died 25 March 1895, married Elizabeth Crawford and they had one child, Sampson Carlisle. His second wife, Ida Knottingham, bore him three children: Bontie, Custer and Hurst.

Susan G., the third child of Charles Lewis and Polly Creech, was born 7 May 1856, died 11 November 1908.

John B., the fourth child of Charles Lewis Cornett, was born 16 October 1860, married Maryan Ison. To them were born: Margaret, who married Charley Tabor; Georgia, who married Eli Combs; Maud, who married J. O. Cannon; Rankin, who married Esteva Webb; Eva, who married D. C. Long; and Madaline, who married Homer Perkins.

Rankin R. (born 27 May 1858, died 5 July 1888) and Sampson S., (born 23 February 1863, died 8 November 1884), were two sons of Charles Lewis who did not marry.

Caroline, the seventh child of Charles Lewis and Polly, was born 20 January 1865, married David Caudill. The following children were born to them: Susan, Milard, Watson, Willie, George, Sam Ray, Lina, Jesse, Dixon and Vernia.

Margaret, the eighth child of Charles Lewis and Polly,

born 20 January 1867, married G. P. Stacey. To them were born: Windom, Blanford, Burl, Cornie, Farlee, Charles Blanford, James Burnam, Cornie, Chandler and Wm. Glanton.

Arminta, the ninth child of Charles Lewis and Polly, was born 1 September 1868, married Hart Campbell. To them was born the following: Dora, Thomas, Esquire, Cannie, Cassie, Lizzie, Little, Less, Troy and Julia.

J. D. Cornett, the tenth child of Charles Lewis Cornett and Polly Creech, was born 10 December 1871. He married Rachel Ison on 20 April 1894. Rachel was born 24 August 1874 and died 7 October 1936. To J. D. Cornett and Rachel Ison were born twelve children: Mae, born 28 February 1895, married William Perkins and to them was born James Perkins. William Harry, born 1 September 1896, married Alicia Brashear and to them was born William Harry. Fred, born 30 November 1897, married Mae Maggard and they had Martha Rachel and Edna Mae. Grace, born 29 September 1899, married Stanton Hume Thorpe. He passed away in 1964. Helen, born 18 August 1901, married John McIntire and to them were born Virginia Lee, Ella Rae, Dick and Anna Sue. Breck, born 8 May 1904, married Nora Asher and to them were born Bobby Jene and Lavaughn.
Maxie, born 1 July 1906. No further record.
Kirby, born 5 December 1907, died 8 December 1908.
Rankin, born 6 December 1909, married Beatrice ----.
Eunice, born 1 January 1912, married Walter McKeehan and to them was born Gail Cornett.
Woodrow, born 28 December 1913. No further record.
Hubert, born 27 May 1916. No further record.

Nancy, the second child of Roger Cornett and Polly Lewis, born 16 August 1830, died 30 September 1857, married Ezekiel Brashear, who was killed in action at Cynthiana, Kentucky. To them were born Lafayatt M. Brashear, born 20 October 1852; Mariah, born 10 August 1885; Sally, born 4 May 1857. She married Ran Cornett.

William E., the third child of Roger Cornett and Polly

Lewis, born 3 January 1833, died 12 July 1909, married Matilda Stamper. He was a Lieutenant in the Confederate Army. To them were born Lucinda, who married Manon Cornett; Malinda, who married Samp Combs; Elisabeth, who married Granville Holcomb; Hiram H., who married Lucretia Hackworth; William R., who married Gertie Johnson; Mary, who married Irvin Stacey; John H., who married Rebecca Francis; and Roger and Martha, who did not marry.

Maryan, the fourth child of Roger Cornett and Polly Lewis, born 31 January 1836, died at six months of age.

Sally, the fifth child of Roger Cornett and Polly Lewis, born 6 July 1837, died 30 January 1808, married George W. Morgan, Captain in the Union Army. To them were born Lucinda, born 26 September 1861, who married William B. Lusk; Logan C., born 2 January 1864, married Dora Bell Polly; Pollyan, born 27 March 1866, married John M. Caudill, and Eliza Jane, born 18 March 1868, married Tandy Martin.

Arch, the sixth child of Roger Cornett and Polly Lewis, born 5 January 1840, died young.

Samuel, the seventh child of Roger and Polly, born 4 August 1843, died 12 October 1857.

Nathaniel, the eighth child of Roger Cornett, born 14 December 1845, died 16 October 1857.

Audley A., the ninth child of Roger and Polly, born 18 November 1848, died 8 June 1932, married Elisabeth Caudill. To them were born: Henry C., born 29 September 1868, died 30 September 1937. Henry C. first married Mary Barnett then Lucy Call; Sarah, Judy, Patsy, Pollyan, Lucy and Mary, the younger children of Audley A., died young.

Pollyan, the tenth and youngest child of Roger and Polly Cornett, married Harvey G. Brashear and settled in Arkansas. To them were born the following children:

Joe R. Brashear, born 19 September 1876, died 29 March 1930; Robert L. Brashear, born 10 October 1878; George H. Brashear, born 10 November 1880; Lona M. Brashear, born 30 September 1882; Grover C. Brashear, born 30 Oc-

tober 1884; Conner R. Brashear, born 18 August 1886; and Fannie J. Brashear, born 4 September 1889.

Nancy Cornett, the third child of William Cornett and Mary Everage married Samuel Combs and settled below Hazard on the Kentucky River. To them were born the following: Robert, who married ---- Godsey; Wiley; Garrad; Andrew; William; Mary, who married Elijah Begley; Nancy, who married Bod Davidson; Linda, who married Jim Cole.

Rachel, the fourth child of William Cornett and Mary Everage, married John A. Caudill and settled at the mouth of Sandlick Creek one mile below Whitesburg. They had thirteen children:

William A., born February 1825, died 11 January 1890, married Marget Asberry.

Steven J., born 13 November 1826, died 26 July 1906, married Elizabeth Adams.

Mary, born 4 August 1828, died 21 December 1839, age eleven years.

Benjamin E., born 11 February 1830, died 11 February 1889, married Martha Asberry of Tazwell, Virginia. He was a Colonel in the Confederate Army.

Sarah, born 23 October 1834, died 17 May 1914, married Joe S. Fairchilds.

John Dixon, born 6 October 1836, died 27 June 1917, married Mary Green.

David Jesse, born 9 March 1839, died 9 April 1907, married Marget Frizell. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Army and was wounded in battle on Big Leatherwood a short distance below Clover Fork.

Nancy Jane, born 5 November 1840, died 12 November 1922, married John H. Craft and lived in Laurel County, Kentucky.

Elizabeth, born 22 August 1842, married Thomas Dotson, who died in military prison at Camp Douglas. She later married William Green.

Pollyan, born 15 April 1847, married Enoch Craft (Chunk), who was with General Morgan's men when Morgan

was killed. He helped put Morgan's body on the train and stated that the body was not multilated nor his clothes soiled.

Watson G., born 17 June 1819, married Sabina Caudill.

Joseph and Nathaniel died in infancy.

Samuel, the fifth child of William Cornett and Mary Everage, born 4 March 1809, died 24 November 1860, married Polly Adams, born 8 July 1813. They were married 1 May 1832, and settled on Troublesome Creek in what was later Knott County, Ky. Hindman, Ky., is situated on the land they settled on. The following children were born to them: Maryan, who married Campbell Pigman; Joe, who died in Rock Island prison during the Civil War; Wm. G., who married Liza Howard. He was discharged from the Confederate Army at the close of the Civil War and was never heard of again; Mose, who married Jane Maggard; Margaret, who married Samuel Honaker; Jane, who married George Childers; Rachel, who married Paten Duke; Sallyan was never married; Liza and Walter, who died young.

Nathaniel Woleary, the sixth child of William Cornett and Mary Everage, born 2 April 1811, died 12 January 1889, married Lydia Caudill, born 19 July 1816, and settled on Troublesome Creek at the mouth of Big Branch, Knott County. To them were born the following children: Joe E., who married Susana Caudill; Rachel, who married Jep Calhoun; Sally, who married George Simpson; Mary, who married Silas Boggs; Nancy, who married Green Holliday; Pollyan, who married Shade Combs. Her second husband was Shade Smith; Easter, who married George Martin; Roger, who married Nancy Maggard. His second wife was Marget Combs; Benton, who married Polly Davidson; Robin, who married Carline Justice. His second wife was Susan Smith.

Joseph E., the seventh and the youngest child of William Cornett and Mary Everage, was born 28 April 1814, died 30 May 1891, married Sally Brown, born 23 April 1815, died 19 April 1892. They settled on Dry Fork of Kentucky River in Letcher County. He helped to lay out the town of Whitesburg and was elected Judge of Letcher County after-

wards. The following children were born to them: Easter, Nathaniel and Roger died while young; John B, who married Elisabeth Hays; Bettyan who married Ira Stamper; Samuel A., who married (1) Rany Whitaker, (2) Susan Shepherd, (3) Nan Engle, (4) Alcyan Couch; Rachel, who married James Back; Benjamin, who married (1) Dicy Roberts, (2) Abbyjane Mullins; Nancyan, who married Elihu Maggard; Stephen, who married Elisabeth Mullins; William M. who married Arminda Indman; Mary, who married Hiram Whittaker.[1]

[1] J. D. Cornett *Genealogy of William Cornett.* No date of publication.

Chapter V

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUNDS OF THE CORNETTS

The early settlers of what was later known as Perry County, Kentucky, were very devout and deeply consecrated. They worshiped in homes, in brush arbors and in open spaces until church buildings could be erected. In some communities, the church, commonly called the "Meeting House," was built first and also served as a school house. Often the preacher was the school teacher as well. These churches were made of logs hewn from the magnificant, virgin timber on the farms nearby. The labor was contributed by the men and women of the community, so very little expense was involved.

In 1789, Jacob Eversole, a Baptist minister, settled in what was later Perry County. It is said that he preached in the community for many years. He lived to be 100 years old. Richard Smith, a Baptist minister, came from Virginia in 1790. He preached in Perry County and in what is now known at Breathitt County.

In 1807, Electious Thompson, a Baptist minister, came to Perry County from North Carolina and preached among these settlers. In 1808 he settled near the mouth of Rockhouse, now located in Letcher County. In 1809 he was joined by Elder William Salisbury of Floyd County and later by Simeon Justice another minister. These three constituted the Presbytery that organized the first church. They traveled by

[1] Most of the material in this chapter was obtained from the book, "History of Perry County, Kentucky," compiled by Eunice Tolbert Johnson, and published by the Hazard, Kentucky, Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1953, Chapter VIII.

foot, horseback or ox cart through almost unbroken wilderness, and covered hundreds of miles attending associations, funerals and Church appointments. They were called Elders.

THE INDIAN BOTTOM CHURCH

The first church established in what was later called Perry County was the Indian Bottom Church. With Electious Thompson, William Salisbury and Simeon Justice acting as Presbytery, a group of twenty Baptists met, in 1810, in the home of Isaac Whitaker. This was about two miles up the Kentucky River from where Blackey was located, near the old Indian camping place known as Indian Bottom. These twenty charter members brought letters from other churches of like faith and order in the colonies of Virginia and North Carolina. Electious Thompson was chosen pastor and Isaac Whitaker clerk. In 1811 this church was received into the Washington Association which was composed of churches in the southwestern part of Virginia. The church grew and prospered through the years and established other churches in the area.

CARR'S FORK CHURCH

Carr's Fork Church was established in 1827 by the Indian Bottom Church with 13 charter members; among them were John Cornett, the second son of William Cornett, and his wife Rachel Smith. Their son John Cornett II and his wife, Nancy Combs, were members some years later.

BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH

On the second Saturday in July, 1871, a group of members from the Indian Bottom Church met under a large woodshed

at the home of Anderson and Susanah Cornett and organized the Big Leatherwood Church. Elders John A. Caudill, Wiley Morris, Samuel Combs and James Dixon formed the Presbytery. The Charter members were Rhoda Pratt, Archibald Cornett, son of John Cornett and brother of the second John Cornett, Polly Brashear, Cindy Caudill, Eli Callihan, William R. Stamper, Clemat Shepherd, Susanah Cornett, Mary Caudill, William McIntire, Dianah McIntire, Elizabeth Brashear, Robert S. Brashear, Sally Brashear, Lou Anna Combs, Mary Ann Brashear, John D. Combs, Elizabeth Hall, John H. Hall, Mary Fields, Charles L. Cornett and James Stevens.

Hiram Pratt and William Brashear were ordained as deacons and Charles Lewis Cornett, father of J. D. Cornett, was elected clerk. James Dixon was called as pastor. The church was admitted to the New Salem Association which was organized in 1825.

The site for the church building was donated by Anderson and Susanah Cornett and located in the lower end of a field of their farm. The first church building, which also served as school, was a large one-room structure of logs with an immense open fireplace. The logs were donated by different members, and the entire membership contributed the labor.

On May 5, 1894, a site below the old road near the mouth of Big Leatherwood, was purchased from Eli and Jane Cornett and a new frame structure was erected. With the coming of the railroad it was moved to its later site at the mouth of Little Leatherwood adjoining Denver Miniard's farm, and under the leadership of the pastor, James Pratt, a new church building was erected. Ministers who have come out of this church are Eli Pratt, Bee Ison, B. Cornett, Granville Riddle, L. C. Riddle, G. M. Caudill, J. W. Pratt, Dixie Ison.

The above information was taken from the original record in the minutes of the church.

The following is an excerpt taken from a photostatic copy of one of the letters from James Dickson, a member of the

Big Leatherwood Church, which were found in the Bible of John Cornett, who moved to Arkansas in 1870.

"Indian Bottom, Letcher County, Ky.
June 26, 1887

Mr. John Cornitt (sic), dear Brother

I will inform you that I am in receipt of your letter of May 24th. Was truly glad to hear from you and that you were well. Was thankful to the God of all Grace that you had visited my Son. Hope you will do so again and that you will if you feel like it converse with him upon the glorious doctrine of the gospel of the Son of God, Salvation by grace through and by the merits of the Blood of Christ as a lamb, slain from before the foundation of the world . . .

You say if it was not asking too much you want me to write on church government or discipline. You have not asked too much, brother John, if I could do it but most assuredly I feel unworthy in and of myself to do so but desiring to trust in the rewarding power of God who resurrected Christ from the dead and set him on high to be both a prince and a Savior, him having the preemanence (sic) over all principalities and powers to be the great invisible head of the church the pillar and ground of the truth . . .

As a starting point we will notice the scripture which moved up in my mind since I began to write that there should be no schism in the body but that the members should have the same care for another—I Cor. 12 Ch. 25 verse—here we see the great appostle (sic) was portraying uppon (sic) the mind of the Corinthian church the unity of the

[1] Eunice Tolbert Johnson. History of Perry County, Kentucky, Hazard, Kentucky Chapter, D.A.R., P. 126.

church as a body and shows under a metaphor of a natural body made up of members all animated by the flow and warmth of the same blood . . .

This divine law of the Spirit is practiced by the Regular Baptist of all ages and should be according to the gospel for a dicipline (sic) that deviates from the orthadox (sic) principal of the gospel is human and not the dicipline (sic) of the Christ which is divine . . .

The members should have the same love for another bearing one anothers burdens fulfilling the law of Christ in obedience and humility. The Church of Christ is a unit and is spoken of by the wise man as a virtuous woman having the law of kindness in her tongue and honors her husband in the gates, holding fast the doctrine of Salvation by grace she does so freely without money or price . . . They are taught to love one another not in word only but in Spirit and truth. This divine law is practiced by the Regular Baptists of all ages. . . .

We have no right to receive the Baptism of an illegal administrator nor will the law of Zion suffer us to commune with the inscriptural denominations and Modern institutions of Men. The dicipline (sic) will not suffer us to fellowship a heretic it causes divisions instead of teaching the tender babes of Jesus to have the same care one for another. It will not suffer us to hold in fellowship drunkenness adultery nor none of those abominations—Amen—and may the Lord bless you is the prare (sic) of your unworthy Brother James Dickson."

Chapter VI

JOHN CORNETT II (1828-1904)

John Cornett, the grandson of William Cornett, Revolutionary War soldier, was born near Hazard, in Perry County, Kentucky, on 28 January 1828. His parents were John Cornett, the second son of William Cornett, and his wife, Rachael Smith.

John Cornett II married Nancy Combs in 1852. She was born in that same area on 2 February 1834. They lived on a farm near what later became Cornettsville, about eighteen miles south of Hazard. Cornettsville has a post office, two stores and about twenty houses. The name was chosen by John B. Cornett, the first postmaster and storekeeper because at that time all the residents were descendants of William Cornett. One mile from this little village is the Cornett Cemetery which contains some of the oldest graves in Perry County, among them those of William Cornett and his second wife, Mary Eversole.

To John Cornett II and his wife, Nancy Combs, were born ten children, eight of them on their farm where they lived until 1871, when they moved to Dutton, Arkansas.

Archibald, born 27 August 1853,

John III, born 3 May 1855,

Elijah, born 7 November 1856,

Judy, born 19 June 1859, died 8 June 1877, in Dutton, Arkansas,

Laurainie, born 2 October 1861,

Adaline, born 15 August 1864,

Robert E. Lee, born 23 August 1865,

Minerva, born 24 May 1871,

Polly Ann, born in 1875 at Dutton, Arkansas in Madison County, died in 1877.

Emma, born 12 May 1877, at Dutton, Arkansas.[1]

When John Cornett II and Nancy Combs were married, they built a log house with an attic and a lean-to on the side. It had a big fireplace for cooking and heating as all the homes in the neighborhood had. They worked hard and were devout members of the Primitive Baptist Church. Life was good.

Then the War Between the States developed and John enlisted in the Army of the Confederacy, 7 September 1861, to serve three years under Captain George Bragg. He was described as being thirty-four years old, five-feet-eleven inches high, with dark complexion, gray eyes, dark hair and, by occupation, a farmer.

Nancy Cornett and her five little children suffered many hardships and deprivations during the time John was in the army and for several months following his return, while he was recovering from serious illness.

John served in the Army of the Confederacy until 5 June 1863, when he received an honorable discharge because of Pleurisy Pulmanitis, caused by Chronic Bronchitis, at Camp Hope. The discharge was signed by Col. B. E. Caudill, Commander of the Tenth Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers.[2]

In the Headquarters U. S. Forces, 1st Division, Department of Kentucky, at Louisa, Kentucky, John Cornett took the Oath of Allegiance to the Government of the United States, 5 May 1865, A.D. before—Williams, Lieut. Provost Marshall.[3]

John Cornett was sick a long time after the war but his wife was a hardworking woman and she had learned to manage. The children had learned to help. The place was a shambles, as were all the farms in the area which had been overrun by the Union Army. During the war, Hazard

1 Family Bible of John Cornett II.
2 Copy of John Cornett's discharge from the Army of the Confederacy.
3 Copy of John Cornett's oath of allegiance to the United States.

suffered from guerrilla warfare raids from wandering bands of soldiers. Some of the families were slaveholders and there was the same division in families and bitterness between neighbors that was found throughout the borderline states of the south.

Surrounding farms became neglected, the roads and paths were overgrown with weeds. Feuds developed as a result of the bushwhackers' raids and grievances over livestock driven off or being destroyed, especially when the marauders were recognized by neighbors.

John Cornett grew so tired of the continuous bushwacking and feuding among relatives and neighbors that, in 1870, when he heard of land for settlement in the Ozark mountains, he began to make plans to move. In 1871, he gathered up all his possessions and moved his family of eight children in wagons drawn by oxen to Arkansas. It was a slow and tortuous journey of more than 300 miles across Kentucky to northwestern Arkansas. The trip necessitated several weeks of camping out nights.

At Huntsville, the county seat of Madison County, John filed on a claim of one quarter section of land containing one hundred and sixty acres which was granted under the Act of Congress approved the 20th of May, 1862 "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain" and the acts supplemental thereto. (Quoted from Deed 4-404 which was found in *John Cornett's* Bible.)

With the assistance of his teenage sons, John built a good log house of two rooms with an attic and a lean-to which stood for many years. He added more rooms in later years. The fine, straight timber on the farm furnished the logs for the house and barn as well as for the wide fireplaces in every room.

Just above the house is the great watershed of the Ozarks with its elevation of more than 2500 feet, which is at the headwaters of White River, flowing toward the north along the western part of the farm. The King River, starting in springs along the east, flows into the White River miles away in Missouri. South of the farm about ten miles is the Mulber-

ry River which flows southwest and empties into the Arkansas River in the western part of the state. The White River ultimately reaches the Mississippi a few miles above where the Arkansas empties into the Mississippi.

The farm was located about three miles from the post office at Dutton, which in the early days had only a school house, a Primitive Baptist Church and a general store. Before long John Cornett put in a general store, and his sons worked in the store as well as on the farm. There was plenty of work for all.

The Ozark country is picturesque with its tall timber and many waterfalls. The trees are of many species, including some that are unusual: American Elm, Shagbark Hickory, Chinkapin, White and Blue Ash, Blackwood, Magnolia, Blackgum, Pawpaw, Buckthorn and several kinds of Oak. A profusion of young trees are growing in the open spaces ready to replace those cut down. Every farm has a plentiful supply of timber.

The woods are full of wild flowers all summer long and on into winter. Ferns grow even in winter. In the deep, narrow valleys are white and purple phlox, Jacob's Ladder, Mepatica and wild Hydrangea. A rare and dainty orchid, the Pogonia, is sometimes found there. Higher up on the bluffs are Columbine, Azaleas, Jack-in-the Pulpit, Dutchman's Breeches, Violets and many kinds of ferns.

The fields have to be cleared of stumps and underbrush for crops to be planted and it is a constant struggle to keep the underbrush from growing back in the edges of the fields. It takes a lot of planning and hard work to get the land ready, but the soil is very rich, water is abundant, and everything grows.

Hogs run wild in the woods until the autumn; each one with the mark of its owner in the ear. In the late fall they are rounded up and penned and fed out to get them ready for butchering. By cold weather these razor-back hogs are fat enough to make very good meat. Neighbors help each other with the butchering. The meat is cooled and put into the

smokehouse to be cured and smoked with a slow fire of hickory wood.

After the first frosts the woods are full of black walnuts, hickory nuts, hazel-nuts, all free for the gathering—plenty for the children as well as for the squirrels. They know just where to find the nuts because they have found them during the summer when they were foraging for huckleberries and strawberries.

Darkness falls early in the mountains in the winter time and everyone must go to bed early in order to save the candles and to get up early to walk to school in the morning. The The older boys work in the sawmill several miles away, and they must walk to work.

Two more children were born to John and Nancy Cornett after they moved to Arkansas: Polly, born in 1875, who died when she was two years old, and Emma, born 12 May 1877. That same year their oldest daughter, Judy, died on 8 June at the age of eighteen.

As each of John Cornett's sons reached the age of twenty-one, he filed on a claim and built a log cabin in Madison County. Some of the daughters were married and all lived in the same neighborhood. Then one by one, as times changed, some of them moved away.

John Cornett was a hale and hearty old man, and though he was bothered some by his bronchial cough, he was active to his last day. His grandchildren loved to tell about his going out in the woods to find a bee tree. And he always managed to find one.

On 16 February 1904, when he was 76 years old, he set out to find a bee tree. He was so late getting back that Nancy went to look for him. She found him a half mile from home sitting on a stump near a bee tree. He had been dead for several hours. They buried him in the cemetery at Dutton, near the little Primitive Baptist Church he loved. He was a devout Christian and attended that church regularly. Many other members of his family are buried in that cemetery.

Nancy Combs Cornett moved into a little house in Dutton

and, with her youngest daughter, Emma, to take care of her, lived there the rest of her life. During her later years, she became totally blind and couldn't get around very well but her health was fairly good. Nancy died in the middle 1920's. Pictures of her taken in 1914 and in 1920 are at the end of this chapter.

Elijah, one of her sons, moved into the big log house on the farm. He reared a large family.

Chapter VII

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

ARCHIBALD CORNETT

Archibald Cornett, the first son of John Cornett II and Nancy Combs, was born 27 August 1853 in Perry County, Ky. He was about 18 years old when he moved with his family to Dutton, Arkansas. When he was 21 years old, he filed on a claim in Madison County, Arkansas, a few miles from his parents' home. He and Mary Grigsby were soon married and moved into the log house he had built. Mary was the daughter of Edward Grigsby. She had moved from Perry County, Kentucky to Arkansas with her parents.

To Archibald and Mary Cornett six children were born—all at Dutton, Arkansas. Alice Belle, born 17 August 1776; Nancy Ann, born 13 July 1881; Dora, born 8 March 1885; Oscar Rosso, born 10 September 1887; Robert Owen, born 10 December 1889; John, born in 1891, and died in childhood.

Archibald Cornett died not long after the death of their little son, Johnny, and was buried in the Dutton Cemetery near the Primitive Baptist Church.

In 1896, Mary Cornett married Charles Wesley Vandagriff, a widower with two sons, Earnest and Cecil, and a daughter. The daughter, Stella Belle Vandagriff, married John Booth Shipley 11 September 1898, at Flowery. Arkansas and soon moved away. Stella and John had three children: Roy Milton, born 3 March 1902 at Cass, Ark. and died 7 May 1903; Gertrude Barbara, born 31 Aug. 1904 at Ozark, Ark.; Charles John, born 9 Jan. 1912 at Leslie, Ark.

John Shipley died 12 Feb. 1938 at Marshfield, Oregon. Stella and her daughter, Gertrude moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where Gertrude has taught in the public schools for many years. Gertrude married Alf G. Griggs, 24 December 1955. Stella Shipley died 31 December 1961 at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mary Cornett and Charles Vandagriff had one child, Cleo, who married a banker at Talequah, Oklahoma. Mary died and was buried beside her first husband Archibald Cornett.

Alice Belle Cornett, the first child of Archibald and Mary Cornett, married Theophilus Davis 2 November 1890 at Dutton, Ark. He was born 22 January 1871 in Madison County, Ark., the son of John Davis and Barbara Ritchie. They had ten children; the first six born in Madison County, Ark., and the last four in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma; Myrtle Barbara, born 22 April 1892; Johnny Ivon, born 2 February 1894, died while young; Mary Alma, born 29 September 1897; Ada, born 13 October 1899; Archibald Cecil, born 16 March 1901; Rosco Oscar, born 2 April 1905; Cleo, born 16 August 1908; Trella Mae, born 24 November 1910; Robert Earl, born 20 April 1913; Alice Belle, born 14 January 1918.

Theophilus and Alice Davis lived on a farm in Madison County, Ark. until about 1906, then moved to Oklahoma where he operated a filling station at North Canadian in Pittsburg County for several years. Their oldest son, Johnny, was killed by a drunken man while they lived here.

The family moved to Davenport, Okla. in the early 1930's during the depression and Alice operated a restaurant for several years. Theophilus died 7 June 1953 and was buried at McAlester, Okla. Alice moved to Tulsa, Okla. where she died 11 March 1963 and was taken to McAlester for burial.

Myrtle Barbara, the first child of Theophilus and Alice Belle Davis, married Robert Lee (Pete) Meeks 3 November 1910 at Hartshorne, Okla. He was born 3 September 1885 at Tracy City, Tenn. They had eight children: the first five at Hartshorne, Okla. in Pittsburg County. Alfred Lee, born 7

December 1911, died 5 March 1912; Lillian Angeline, born 10 February 1913; Theophalus, born 14 March 1914; Walter Benjamin, born 19 June 1916, died 29 April 1917; Evelyn Juanita, born 21 July 1920; Bobby Edward, born 15 Sept. 1926 at Holdenville, Oklahoma; Harold Edwin, born 24 March 1931 at Heavener, Oklahoma; James Kenneth, born 13 March 1933 at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Pete Meeks was a miner in the coal fields of southern Oklahoma and died in a mine accident 16 August 1933 at Heavener, Oklahoma and was buried at Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

After her three older children were married, Myrtle Meeks moved to California with her two young sons, Harold and Kenneth, because work was more plentiful there during World War II. Since 1942 Myrtle has lived in LaMirada, California, where she owns and manages a few apartments. All her surviving children live nearby in the Whittier, LaMirada, Long Beach area.

Lillian, the oldest living child of Myrtle and Pete Meeks, married Luther L. Foxx, the son of James Allen Foxx and Nancy Ann Blevens. He was born 23 February 1913 at Sulphur, Oklahoma. They have five children: Barbara Ann, born 26 April 1945 at the San Diego Naval Hospital in California; James Luther, born 10 February 1947; Linda Sue, born 27 December 1949; Robert Steven, born 20 December 1950; Daniel Ray, born 8 March 1954. The last four were born in Wichita, Kansas.

Luther Foxx has an A.B. degree from East Central State College and a M.S. degree from Oklahoma State College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was teaching in Oklahoma when he entered the United States Navy to serve during World War II. After the war, he taught in Wichita, Kansas until they moved to California in 1965. There he worked for a year as an electrical contractor, then went back to teaching. Luther is presently teaching Industrial Arts at John Glenn High School in Norwalk, California.

Lillian Foxx has a B.A. degree from Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, and a M.A. degree from Emporia State College, Emporia, Kansas. She has taught in the elementary grades of the public schools of Wichita, Kansas and in California for twenty years.

Barbara Ann, first child of Lillian and Luther Foxx, graduated from Wichita East High School at Wichita, Kansas in May 1963, and received a B.S. degree from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas in August 1966. She taught 7th grade English at Parsons, Kansas for the year 1966-67, English and Geography at Norwalk, California for the year 1968-69, and English and Geography at Fort Collins, Colorado for the year 1969-70.

Barbara Ann Foxx married William Davis Loy 30 May 1965, at Wichita Kansas. He was born 27 October 1943 at Portsmouth, Virginia, the son of Max Loy and Jean Davis.

William Loy graduated from high school at Chanute, Kansas, in May 1961 and received a B.S. degree from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas in May 1965. He has taught Drama, Speech and English in the high school at Parsons, Kansas for two years, and Drama and Speech in the high school at Fort Collins, Colorado for two years. He plans to continue in his present occupation.

Barbara and William have a new baby girl, their first child, Kyla Michelle Loy, born 8 October 1970 at Fort Collins, Colorado.

James Luther Foxx, the second child of Luther and Lillian Foxx, graduated from East High School Wichita, Kansas, with honors. He was a National Award Finalist. He attended U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles for three and one half years, planning to go to Law school. He married Jacqueline Marie Calerone on 7 March 1969 at Reno, Nevada, instead. She is the daughter of Michael Mathew Calderone and Phyllis Angeline Triano and was born 17 August 1948 at Kansas City, Missouri.

James Foxx took electrical contractor's examination and

obtained a contractor's license. He owns and operates the Foxx Electric Company in Santa Ana, California.

Linda Sue, the third child of Luther and Lillian Fox, married Charles L. Holmes 21 July 1967. He is the son of Glen Holmes and Opal Fauell, and was born 5 November 1946 at Igloo, South Dakota. They have a daughter, Chrystal Lynn, born 29 July 1969 at Downey, California.

Charles Holmes is presently serving his 3rd tour of duty with the United States Navy in Vietnam. He has been in the service since 1964 and, at present, is undecided whether to make the Navy service his career.

Linda Sue attended Contra Costa College at San Pablo, California (near San Francisco). She is currently enrolled at Cerritos Junior College training to become a medical technician. She is presently living with her parents and looking forward to a short visit with her husband in Hawaii when he comes there for rest and relaxation in September 1970.

Robert Steven (Bob), the fourth child of Luther and Lillian Foxx, finished high school in Downey, California in the spring of 1968. He returned to Wichita, Kansas where he was born and grew up, and purchased a home. He plans to be married this coming winter of 1970. He works for an air conditioner company in Wichita.

Daniel Ray, the fifth child of Luther and Lillian Foxx, is a senior at Monte Vista High School in Whittier, California. He is Vice President of the student body this year. Dan enjoys sports and participates most actively in track. He is especially good in pole vaulting, and topped 14 feet last year. Dan is planning to go to college next year but hasn't decided on his major yet.

Theophalus Meeks, the second living child of Robert Lee and Myrtle Meeks, married Charlesey Farrel Carter 2 August 1936 at Oakman, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Charles F. and Champion Carter and was born 10 July 1918 at Oakman, Oklahoma.

Theophalus and Charlesey have two daughters: Sharon Frances, born 29 March 1946 at Compton, California, and

Katherine Elizabeth, born 26 January 1953 at Compton, California.

Theophalus Meeks earned his B.A. degree at East Central State Teachers College at Ada, Oklahoma and was elementary school principal at Oakman, Oklahoma for eight years. Charlesey earned her B.A. degree at the same college and both graduated with the same class in the summer of 1941.

In 1942, Theophalus and Charlesey moved to California. After a couple of years in San Francisco, they established a home in southern California in the Los Angeles area. During the years in which Los Angeles and Orange County experienced a tremendous growth, he was an electrical contractor and a building contractor. He is presently retired. They live in Long Beach, California.

Sharon Frances, the elder daughter of Theophalus and Charlesey Meeks, received her B.S. degree at the University of Redlands, outside San Bernardino, California on 2 June 1968, and was married to Rowland Gaal 15 June 1968 at San Marcoa, California. He is the son of Gilbert H. Gaal and Dorothy Davis, and was born 30 July 1945 at Los Angeles, California.

Shortly before their marriage, Rowland Gaal had finished a year of post graduate work at Long Beach State College (now known as California State College at Long Beach). They have taught the last two years at Miranda, California near the Oregon border. Rowland has spent two summers as Ranger Naturalist with the Park Service at Yosemine National Park.

Rowland and Sharon have recently returned from ten weeks in Europe during which time they traveled from Holland to southern Italy.

Katherine Elizabeth, the younger daughter of Theophalus and Charlesey Meeks married Arthur C. Copeland 9 May 1970. Their immediate plans include further education for both of them.

Evelyn Juanita, the third child of Robert Lee (Pete) and Myrtle Meeks to reach adulthood, earned a B.S. degree

from Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. She married Otwell Richard Aycock, who was born 3 September 1916 at Henryetta, Oklahoma. They had two sons: Richard Lee Aycock, born 2 May 1939 at Ada, Oklahoma and Warren Dan Aycock, born 27 April 1943 at Wichita, Kansas.

Otwell Aycock was an airplane pilot, and he and Evelyn were killed in a plane crash 21 November 1962 in New Mexico. They were buried in Wichita, Kansas where their son, Richard, still lives.

Harold Edwin, the fourth child of Robert Lee and Myrtle Meeks to reach adulthood, moved from Oklahoma to California with his mother in 1942. He attended college for two years following his high school graduation and is presently an electrical contractor in La Mirada, California. Harold married Naola Cunningham 28 May 1952 and they had seven children: Donna Rae, born 12 October 1953; Deanna Mae, born 1 March 1955; Harold Edwin Jr., born 28 October 1956; Darlene Kae, born 31 March 1958; Denice Ann, born 9 September 1961; Robert Leo, born 13 February 1963. Harold and Naola were divorced and the court gave Harold custody of the children. He is a very devoted father.

Harold married Oweta Jerlene Nasalroad 14 September 1968 at Reno, Nevada. She is the daughter of B. C. Roberts and Dessie Pearson, born 4 December 1931. Oweta was a widow with five children, three still at home. Harold's stepchildren are: Cary Mack Nasalroad, who married Darlene Nye 16 April 1967; Brenda, born 19 November 1948; Spencer, born 4 August 1959; Vincent, born 11 March 1963; Michael, born 5 June 1964. Oweta and Harold have a lovely family and live in a nice, six-bedroom home in La Mirada.

James Kenneth Meeks, the youngest child of Robert Lee and Myrtle Meeks, graduated from high school and became an electrician.

Mary Alma, the third child of Theophilus and Alice Belle Davis, married Merrill Frees and they had four children: Merrill Jr., Mary Alma, Jr., Galla and John. Merrill Frees

Sr. died and his widow married Bill Malone. Some time later she died.

Merrill Frees Jr. has two sons and four daughters: Shala, Nickolos, Kathy, Trella Mae, Sandra and William.

Mary Alma Frees Jr. married Gerald Hammond and they have two sons and one daughter: Robert Earl, David and Annette.

Galla Frees married Fred Stewart and they have three sons: Fred Jr., Bryant and Paul.

Johnny Frees has one son, Johnny Jr., and two daughters.

Mary Alma Frees Hammond has one granddaughter.

Merrill Frees Jr. has one grandson and three granddaughters.

Ada Davis, the fourth child of Theophilus and Alice Belle Davis, married James A. Leach. They have one son who was born 8 July 1923.

James A. Leach Sr. served in World War I. He received one decoration from the French government and two from the United States, one of those being the Purple Heart. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

After the war, James and Ada Leach moved to California where he went into business. Several years later, he retired and, after a few years of retirement, he died. Ada is presently living in La Mesa, California.

James Albert Leach, the son of James A. and Ada Leach, left college in his third year, joined the Air Corps and served in World War II from March 1943 to November 1945 as a pilot flyer.

James Albert Leach married Edna Irene Truitt and they have one daughter, Jo Cheryl Leach, who has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California. She is presently attending the Hastings Law School of the University of California, and working on a Law Degree.

Presently, James Albert Leach is a representative of Brown and Williams Tobacco Company, in California.

Archibald Cecil Davis Sr., the fifth child of Theophilus

and Alice Belle Davis, married Ruth Estelle Park 12 February 1921 at Hartshorn, Oklahoma. She was born 22 March 1903 at Red Oak, Oklahoma, the daughter of Joe Estel Park and Lucille H. Bosman. They had six children: Cecelis Ruth, born 15 December 1921 at Hartshorn, Oklahoma; Alice Belle and Lucille Hester, twins, born 24 July 1923 at Delaqua, Colorado; Archibald Cecil Jr., born 8 March 1925 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma; Betty Lois, born 5 December 1932 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma and Theophalus Joseph, born 2 July 1938 in Detroit, Michigan.

Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis, Sr., moved from Detroit, Michigan to Huntington Beach, California where Ruth died 29 August 1963. She was buried at Whittier, California. Archibald Sr. has been an ordained Minister of Pentecostal W. of W. for the past forty years. When he retired, he returned to Springdale, Arkansas where he lives at the present time.

Cecilia Ruth, the first child of Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis Sr., married Donald Manley in February 1937. He was born in Michigan in August 1914. They have three children: Donna Ruth, who is married and has one daughter; Cecelia Joyce, who is married and has three daughters, and Daniel, who is not married. Cecelia Ruth, wife of Donald Manly, died in 1947 at Visalia, California.

Alice Belle, the second child of Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis Sr., married James Herbert Becker 7 January 1939 in Kentucky. He was the son of Fred Becker and Rosella Kelley, born 2 January 1915 in Missouri. They had four children, the first three born in Detroit, Michigan: James R., born 8 March 1941; Richard H., born 28 January 1942; Edward Paul, born 18 August 1946. He was killed in an auto accident 12 March 1963. Edward Paul had been the first student body President at Hill's Junior High School at Los Altos, California, and was an honor student at Westminister High School, Westminister, California at the time he was killed. He was planning to be an actor and a lawyer.

The only daughter of Alice Belle and James Herbert Becker, was Judith Layne, born 21 September 1949 at

Garden City, Michigan. James Herbert Becker died in October 1957 at Dearborn, Michigan. Alice Belle married Melville Pink Gregory 5 March 1951. He was born 9 January 1915 in Newark, Arkansas, the son of Thomas Edward Gregory and Edna Rose Williams. Their home is at 15892 Pilgrim Circle, Huntington Beach, California.

James Robert Becker, the first child of Alice Belle and James Herbert Becker, first married Lana Lorraine Giles and they had one daughter, Bonnie Gean, born 9 August 1958 at Lynwood, California. He then married Janice Loretta Carter, 3 March 1960 at Tijuani, Mexico. She is the daughter of William Dewey Carter and Opal Marie Maxine Foster. They have three children: Wendy Elaine, born 4 July 1960 at Torrance, California; James Edward, born 23 August 1961 at Bellflower, California; and Terry Guy, born 23 January at Long Beach, California.

Richard Herbert, the second child of Alice Belle and James Herbert Becker, married Victory Rita Martinez, 20 February 1960 at Baji, California. She is the daughter of Henry A. Martinez and Eva Myrtle Pinson and was born 24 December 1942 at Long Beach, California. They have two sons, both born at Long Beach: Richard Herbert Jr., born 5 December 1960, and John Christopher, born 8 January 1965.

Judith Layne, the fourth child of Alice Belle and James Herbert Becker, married Fred D. Vanderwork 29 May 1965 at Costa Mesa, California. He was born 1 December 1947 at Blackwell, Oklahoma, the son of Owen D. Vanderwork and Theodosia Rose Agnew. They have two children, both born at Long Beach, California; Rhonda Dee, born 10 December 1965 and Jason Colt, born 15 March 1968.

Lucille Hester, the twin sister of Alice Belle Davis, born 24 July 1923 to Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis Sr., married Floyd Alfred Noetzal, on 25 December 1939 at Detroit, Michigan. He was born at Detroit in 1913. They had one daughter, Trella Mae Noetzal, who married Eugene Ford, 11 February 1959 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Lucille Hester was divorced from Lloyd Noetzal and married William Frederick Grisser, born 24 April 1917 at St. Louis, Missouri. He was the son of William F. Grisser and Katherine Underbug.

Archibald Cecil Davis, Jr., the fourth child of Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis, Sr., first married Betty Freed 23 April 1946 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They had one child, David, born 4 July 1947 at Kansas City, Kansas. He then married Merilyn Alice Montignani 8 May 1952 at Yuma, Arizona. She was born 27 November 1930 in Montreal, Canada, the daughter of John and Preddy Montignani. Archibald and Merilyn had seven children: Walter Jay, born 18 February 1953 at Yuma, Arizona; Carol Joy, born 12 October 1954 at Yuma, Arizona; Gail Robin, born 21 January 1956 at Compton, California; Randall MacTavish, born 17 March 1958 at Phoenix, Arizona. He was born with a congenital heart condition and died 23 December 1959; Archibald Merle, born 9 January 1961 at Fayetteville, Arkansas; Merilyn Ruth, born 10 May 1963 at Phoenix, Arizona; David Earl, born 23 February 1966 at Springdale, Arkansas. Merilyn Davis is a registered nurse from Good Samaritan Hospital at Phoenix, Arizona. She is a citizen of the United States though she was born in Canada. Merilyn is very interested in genealogy. Her own family has been traced back to the 14th century in Italy.

Archibald Cecil Davis, Jr. worked as a long distance truck driver. He owned and drove an ambulance in Yuma, Arizona, he owned and operated a cafe in Arkansas, and is presently owner and manager of a Mobile Service in Springdale, Arkansas. He has served in both the Army and the Navy of the United States.

Betty Lois, the fifth child of Ruth and Archibald Cecil Davis, Sr., married James Shoemaker in 1951. They had four children: Kathryn Alice, Shellia, Joyce and Jene. Betty Lois later married Lanny Trout.

Theophilus Joseph, the sixth child of Ruth and Archibald

Cecil Davis, Sr., married Diana in 1955. They have one son, Ronald Davis.

Roscoe Oscar Davis, the sixth child of Theophilus and Alice Davis, married Ruby Juel Flanary 20 December 1931 at Eufaula in McIntosh County, Oklahoma. She was born 9 November 1913 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, the daughter of Robert Jackson Flanary and Lucy Anna Powell. They have two sons: Johnny Roscoe born 18 September 1934 at Canadian, Oklahoma and R.O. born 11 June 1936 at Arpelar, Oklahoma. Roscoe Oscar Davis, Sr. worked as a precision tool and die maker until he retired.

Johnny Roscoe, the elder son of Roscoe Oscar and Ruby Juel Davis, married Adele Lorraine Spence 14 September 1957. They have two children: Karen Lorraine Davis, born 16 December 1958 at Seaside Memorial Hospital, Long Beach, California; and John Carter Davis, born 28 January 1961 at Hoag Memorial Hospital at New Port Beach, California. The family lives at 2650 Club Mesa, Costa Mesa, California.

R. O. Davis, the second son of Roscoe O. and Ruby Juel Davis, married Sherri Marie Franks 16 October 1959. They have two sons and two daughters: Rod Lewis, born 16 February 1961 at Lakewood General Hospital, Lakewood, California in Los Angeles County; Rick Lewis,, born 23 March 1962 at Lakewood General Hospital, Lakewood, California; Cindy Marie, born 15 June 1964, and Stacy Marie, born 29 November 1968, both at Lakewood General Hospital, Lakewood, California in Los Angeles County. The family now lives at 7422 Knott Ave., Buena Park, California.

Cleo, the seventh child of Theophilus and Alice Davis, married Charles Aaron Williams 17 March 1931 at Kansas City, Mo. He was the son of William Thomas Williams and Laura Ann Kissar, born 23 March 1893 at Marilton, Ark. Cleo and her husband were both registered Pharmacists with degrees from Baylor University. They joined the Baptist church in Dallas, Texas. Charles served in World War I, and was a 32nd Degree Mason. Charles Williams died 6

August 1968 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where Cleo still lives at 4730 N. W. 24th Street.

Trella Mae, the eight child of Theophilus and Alice Davis, first married Glen Allen Winn and later married Robert Paul Throdahl 22 April 1956. He was the son of Frank Throdahl and Eva Mae Hardy, and was born 1 June 1905 at Detroit, Michigan. He was a representative of Lawless Detroit Diesell Co. until his death. Trella Mae Throdahl is presently a retired business woman. Her hobby is travel and books. She has traveled widely and her home address is 17375 Brookshurst, Apt. 65 Fountain Valley, California.

Robert Earl, the ninth child of Theophilus and Alice Davis, married Opal Mae Phillips 18 May 1938. He served in World War II as an electrician mate, 1st class on the Croatan Air Craft Carrier from 7 December 1942 till September 1945. He has been a 3rd degree Mason since 1956. They adopted two little girls: Helen Sue, a Cherokee Indian girl, adopted at birth early in 1956. Two and a half years later, they adopted Mary Ann, a little Scandinavian girl. The two beautiful children now are 14 and 12. Robert Earl Davis is presently an electrical inspector for an aircraft plant. The family lives at 278 N. Citrus, Orange, California.

Alice Belle, the tenth child of Theophilus and Alice Davis, married Jake Earnest Williams Jr. 19 February 1941 at Marietta, Oklahoma. He is the son of Jake Earnest Williams Sr. and Bess Howell. They have one daughter, Alice Elizabeth, born 1 November 1952 at Tucson, Arizona. Alice Belle Williams has a Masters Degree in Nursing and is presently Supervisor in the Government Hospital in Long Beach, California.

Alice Elizabeth, the daughter of Jake and Alice Belle Williams, is presently attending the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, Oklahoma, where she is working on a degree in philosophy.

Nancy Ann Cornett, the second child of Archibald and Mary Cornett, married Anderson T. Odom at Dutton, Arkansas. He was the son of Basil O. Odom and his wife,

Jemima Odom, and was born 10 September 1874. They had six children: Cloa, born 30 October, in 1900, and died 3 October 1920; Edna Mae, born 24 August 1902 at Echo, Oregon; Mary Thelma, born 21 June 1904, at Seattle, Washington; Earl Anderson, born 16 October 1907 at Echo, Oregon; Marjorie Jean, born 11 November 1909 at Stanfield, Oregon; and Cleo Jemima, born 1 October 1917 at Sheridan, Oregon.

Anderson Odom was a farmer. Shortly after he and Nancy were married, they moved to Seattle, Washington for a while. Then they homesteaded a 160 acre farm near Pendleton, Oregon—their post office was Echo, Oregon. After several years on the farm and in Seattle, they moved to Stanfield, Oregon, where Anderson operated a large alfalfa ranch for about four years. In 1912, he bought a farm in the Willamette Valley between McMinnville and Sheridan, Oregon, where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Nan Odom died 5 February 1920 and Anderson married Esmeralda James in 1928. He died 27 February 1948, and was buried in the Bellevue Cemetery at Sheridan beside his first wife, Nan.

Edna Mae, the second child of Anderson and Nan Odom, graduated from high school at Sheridan, Oregon. Her high school years were broken up because of her mother's poor health. After her mother's death, she continued to keep house for the family until her marriage. She then took her two younger sisters, Marjorie and Cleo, with her and kept them until they finished school.

Edna Mae Odom married Alvin Richard Rierson 3 July 1922 at McMinnville, Oregon. He was born 25 February 1896 at Leland, Iowa, the son of Rier Rierson and Marya Sather. Alvin Richard Rierson owned a small business at Amity, Oregon, which was about seven miles from the farm of Edna's father.

To Alvin and Edna Mae Rierson four children were born, all at McMinnville, Oregon: Alvin Richard Jr., born 21 April 1924; Joyce Elaine, born 17 January 1926, she

died 9 March 1931; Phyllis Nadine, born 24 February 1929; Robert Duane, born 26 February 1937. The family moved to Portland, Oregon because of the poor health of Alvin Rierson Sr. He died 10 August 1941 at Portland and was buried at Amity, Oregon.

Edna Mae Rierson worked for Pacific Power and Light Company in the advertising department until she retired in 1967. She is presently doing part time work in the library of the Daily City newspaper, the Oregonian. Her three children live near her home. She is kept interested and busy with baby sitting for the eight grandchildren and with her work at the library.

Alvin Richard Jr., the first son of Edna Mae and Alvin Rierson Sr. attended school in Amity through the 9th grade. After the family moved to Portland, he finished high school at Gresham, Oregon, a small town near Portland. He attended Van Port College, later called Portland State College, for two years. When World War II came on, he served in the Navy from April 1943 to July 1947.

Alvin Jr. married Jean Ives 1 June 1947, and they had two children, both at Vancouver, Washington; Debra Jean, born 16 December 1949 and Jennifer Lynn, born 24 July 1954. Alvin and Jean were divorced in 1959 and he married Winnifred Borleau, 25 June 1961. She was born 23 July 1937 at Klamath Fall, Oregon, the daughter of Francis N. Borleau and Bonnie Jean Lyon. Alvin and Winnifred have three children: Andrew Richard, born 27 January 1964; Susan Joyce, born 27 February 1966; and Julie Ann, born 22 May 1969, all three were born in Portland, Oregon. Alvin Richard Rierson Jr., is a carpenter by trade and does contracting and building. He is an active member of Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church, as are all of Edna Mae's children, and has served as an elder for eight years. Winnifred is also active in the women's organizations.

Phyllis Nadine, the third child of Edna Mae and Alvin Richard Rierson Sr., attended grade school in Amity, in Medford, and in Powelhurst, just outside Portland. After her

father's death, the family moved into Portland in 1943 and she graduated from Grant High School in 1947. She attended Marylhurst College at Lake Oswego for one year.

Phyllis Rierson married George Russell Jakes 26 August 1950 at Laurelhurst United Presbyterian Church in Portland. He is the son of George Jakes and Donna Russell, born 2 June 1925 in Flat Head County, South Dakota. They have two children—both born in Portland; Karen Ann, born 15 November 1952, and Mary Catherine, born 15 December 1955.

Phyllis is presently working as Office Manager and Receptionist as well as Dental Assistant for a dentist in Portland. George Russell is an electrician for General Electric Company.

Karen Ann, the older daughter is presently attending Oregon State University and Mary Catherine is attending Madison High School. The family is active in the church.

Robert Duane, the fourth child of Edna Mae and Alvin Rierson Sr., attended Laurelhurst elementary school and graduated from Washington High School in 1954. He attended Portland State College and the Art Museum School in Portland. He worked for an advertising agency and did free lance Commercial Advertising and Art. He then became manager of the W. T. Grant Department Store in Oxnard, Oregon.

On 24 June 1967, Robert Duane married Karen Adele Wilson at Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the daughter of Lark A. Wilson and Marchetta Dennington, and was born 4 July 1948 at San Bernardo, California. They have one daughter, Teresa Lee, born 14 November 1969 at Portland, Oregon.

In 1969, Robert Duane left Grants and is buyer for Rhodes Department Store at the present time. Karen, his wife, is executive secretary at the main branch of the United States National Bank of Portland, Oregon.

Mary Thelma, the third child of Anderson and Nancy Odom, married George Harold Moore 6 May 1922 at Vancouver, Washington. He was born in February 1900 in

Nebraska. They had one daughter, Reva Maxine, born 2 January 1924 in Orchard County, Washington. George Harold died in 1926 in Vancouver, Washington.

Mary Thelma married James Stewart in November 1964 and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she died 21 April 1969. She was taken to San Jose, California for burial. James Stewart died in the summer of 1970.

Reva Maxine Moore, the only child of Mary Thelma and George Harold Moore, first married Don Willis Stringfellow and they had two sons: Michael Anderson, born 4 August 1942 at San Francisco, California, and William Gerald, born 16 July 1946 at Anchorage, Alaska.

Maxine married Richard James Deisher 13 December 1948 at San Francisco, California. He is the son of John Sterile Deisher and wife, and he was born 6 December 1924 in Reading, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Candace Elaine, born 25 February 1952, and Richard James Jr., born 7 May 1956—both were born at Oakland, California.

After serving in the United States Navy for twenty-six years, Richard James retired with the title of Lieutenant Commander. He served all through World War II, through the trouble in Korea, and in many other places during those years. He took his family with him to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for his last two years of service, arriving there 10 October 1966. They lived in Copacabana only 1½ blocks from the beach. The whole family enjoyed that tour of duty very much in spite of having to live, at times, with a limited supply of water and electricity.

Lieutenant Commander Deisher is presently the Supervisor for Litton Industries in El Segundo, California, with the family living at Torrance. They have recently bought a house in Woodside, Calif. near San Francisco and are planning to move there in November 1970.

Michael Anderson Stringfellow, the older son of Maxine and Willis Stringfellow, joined the Air Force in 1962, and plans to make the Air Force his career. He served in the

Azores for 18 months, in Texas for 3½ years, in Washington, D.C. 18 months and this last year in Vietnam.

Michael married Ann Marie Marchand 20 June 1964. She is the daughter of Gerard M. Marchand and Marie Coffey, born 3 April 1942 in Brooklyn, N.Y. They have two children: Deborah Lynn, born 12 March 1966 in Abilene, Texas, and Melissa Ann, born 17 December 1968 in Washington, D.C. Michael spent the year from March 1969 to March 1970 in Vietnam, and is presently stationed in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Special Investigation. They live in Suitland, Maryland.

William Gerald Stringfellow, the second son of Maxine and Willis Stringfellow, joined the Navy 22 June 1970 and took Basic Training at San Diego, California. He is presently stationed in San Francisco.

Candace Elaine (Candy), the daughter of Maxine and Richard Deisher, graduated from high school in June 1970. She plans to go to college after working for awhile. She is hoping to be a social worker.

Richard James Deisher Jr. (Rick), the son of Maxine and Lieutenant Commander Deisher, is in the 8th grade at school. He has a paper route, mows lawns and takes Karate. His ambition, at the present time, is to go to Annapolis and become a Navy flyer.

Earl Anderson, the fourth child of Anderson and Nancy Odom, attended grade school in Belleview and graduated from high school at Sheridan, Oregon. He moved to Portland, Oregon and worked for Lanny Lenton Clay Co. for two years. Earl and a friend, Lou James went to Wenache, Washington, where they had a contract packing and sorting apples. In a few weeks at that, they did so will they bought a 1926 Essex car and took off for California.

After a season of packing oranges, Earl went to San Francisco to visit his sister, Thelma, and she obtained a job for him in the Bill Bozaar store where she was working. He worked in the Wholesale Department until 1932, then went to Honolulu where he stayed for six months, then went

back to San Francisco and worked for Baer Notion and Toy Co.

Earl Odom married Loretta E. Schmeltzer in September 1940 at Reno, Nevada. She was born 28 January 1912 at Hiquiam, Washington, the daughter of Edward L. Schmeltzer and Bertie A. Barnette. They have two sons: Gary Anderson, born 16 March 1949, and Steven Terry, born 8 February 1950, both boys were born in San Francisco, California.

Earl and Loretta Odom moved to Santa Rosa in 1962. He works for Mercury Supply Co. which sells stationery, paper goods and toys. They sell mostly to Variety and Drug Stores. The family lives up the hill about ten miles from town with a creek in the back yard where fish spawn. They can see the deer come down to the creek to drink from their kitchen window. Earl has plans to retire in 1973 and buy a Motor Home so that he and his wife can travel. Their son, Gary, is manager of a candle factory in Santa Rosa. Their second son, Steven, joined the army of the United States but has been transferred to the Merchant Marines.

Marjorie Jean, the fifth child of Anderson and Nancy Odom, married Robert Harley Peterson 28 July 1938 at Vancouver, Wash. He was born 9 May 1904 at Forest Grove, Oregon, the son of Harley Peterson and Hazel Couch. They have two children: Penelope Jean, born 29 July 1946 at Oakland, California and Robert Harley 2nd, born 17 October 1951 at Fresno, California.

Robert Harley Peterson Sr. attended school in Walla Walla, Washington and served four years in the army during World War II. He was promoted to Lieutenant and then to Captain. Presently, he is a distributor for Maverik Mini-bike for the United States.

Penelope Jean attended Cabrillo College in San Cruz for two years, majoring in business. She works as secretary at Various and Company in Palo Alto, California.

Robert Harley 2nd graduated from Westmont High School in Los Gatos, attended West Valley College at Saratoga, California for one year and is now attending the Hawaii

University in Honolulu, Hawaii. He plans to enter pre-med school there.

Cleo, the sixth child of Anderson and Nancy Odom, attended school in Oregon and received training as a nurse in St. Joseph's Hospital at San Francisco, California in 1934-1937.

Cleo Odom married Leon Parrish Fox M.D. 11 September 1937 at Reno, Nevada. He was born 21 November 1911 in Clark County, Ky., the son of Milton Fox and Hallie Epperson. They had six children, all born at Santa Clara, Calif.; Leon Parrish Jr., born 11 July 1940; Nancye Elizabeth, born 13 March 1942; Pamela Gay, born 3 March 1944; Stephen Anderson, born 1 October 1947 and died 10 December 1947; Judith Ann and Jennifer Joy, twins, born 23 August 1951.

Leon Parrish Fox Sr. graduated from Clark County High School in 1927, attended Kentucky Wesleyan College of Kentucky for two years and graduated from the University of Louisville with a M.D. degree in 1934. He did four years of post graduate work in Santa Clara Hospital at San Jose, California specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Fox has been in private practice in San Jose, California since 1938.

Dr. Fox was in the U. S. Navy Reserve during World War II 1942-46 as Lt. Cmdr. Medical Corps. He is active in the Santa Clara County Medical Society, (President in 1952), the California Medical Association, the American Medical Association and in several special societies; the American College of Surgeons, and the Pacific Coast Obstetrics and Gynecological Society. He is now Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University, and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. He is active in several medical and civic organizations.

Leon P. Fox Jr., the first child of Cleo and Dr. Leon Fox, attended Mariposa School in San Jose and graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory at San Jose in 1957.

He received an A.A. degree from Menlo College, Menlo Park, California in 1959, and a B. A. degree in English/ Social Studies from Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois in 1961. He taught English for four years and served as public relations director in Niles Township High Schools in Skokie, Illinois.

In 1963, Leon P. Fox Jr. entered the U.S. Navy; was designated a Naval Aviator in 1967, and served as helicopter pilot and legal officer for 3½ years in Lakehurst, N.J. He was deployed to Arctic Ocean and Cuba, and was retired for disability following a training accident in 1969. Leon Jr. is presently a student at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law at San Francisco, California.

Leon P. Fox Jr. married Janice Witmer 15 April 1965 at Carmel, California. She is the daughter of Marion and Bernice Witmer. They have two children, Leon Parrish Fox III, born 21 November 1965 at Dale County, Florida, and John Stephen Anderson Fox, born 11 July 1967 at Santa Clara, California. Janice graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, with a B.A. degree in Comparative Literature in 1963 and with a M.A. in English in 1964. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Janice taught one year in Niles Township High School.

Janice and Leon Jr. are living in Mountain View, California while he commutes to San Francisco.

Nancy, the second child of Cleo and Dr. Leon Fox, attended Mariposa and St. Mary's schools in San Jose; graduated from Notre Dame High School in San Jose in 1959; and received a B.S. degree in Education at the University of Oregon in 1963. She has taught in the elementary school in the Los Angeles area since graduation, and is presently teaching in an experimental school in the Long Beach school system.

Nancy Fox married Kent H. Thayer Jr. 28 December 1962. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. Kent H. Thayer Sr. of Phoenix, Arizona. Kent Jr. attended Long Beach City College and graduated with a B.S. degree from the Univesity

of Oregon in 1961. He served in the Pacific as a Naval Officer aboard a destroyer. After his discharge, Kent Jr. received a M.A. degree in biochemistry from the University of California in Los Angeles. He is presently a third year student at UCLA Medical School.

Pamela, the third child of Cleo and Dr. Leon Fox, attended Children's Country School (Hillbrook) in Los Gatos, California. She graduated from Notre Dame High School, San Jose, in 1961; attended the University of Arizona for one year; has been employed for the past six years by the Wells Fargo Bank of California, and is presently serving as the head teller of a San Jose branch of the bank.

Pamela Fox was married 11 July 1964 to Buddy L. Bogle or Los Angeles, a graduate of San Jose State College. He served in the army as an officer for three years. They are now separated. Pamela currently resides in Los Gatos, California.

Judith Ann, one of the twins of Cleo and Dr. Leon Fox, attended Hillbrook School, Los Gatos, California; graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1968, and is currently attending San Jose City College.

Judith Fox was married 11 July 1970 to Denis J. Correia of Santa Clara, California, the son of John and Gloria Correia. Denis attended Foothill College and is presently serving with the U. S. Army in Southeast Asia.

Jennifer Joy, the other twin, attended Hillbrook School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1968. She is presently attending San Jose City College and working as a florist's assistant. She is unmarried and resides with Pamela in Los Gatos, California.

Dora the third child of Archibald and Mary Cornett, married George Walter Parker 29 June 1905 at Dutton Arkansas. He was born 21 October 1879 at Aurora, Arkansas, the son of Lewis Parker and Rachael Pratlow Albright. They had one daughter, Mary Thelma, born 7 July 1906 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

George Parker entered the nursery business as a young

man, starting his first nursery in 1905, and building one of the largest nurseries in the southwest. In the years 1908 to 1927, he owned and operated Parker Bros Nursery Co., Fayetteville, Arkansas and Arkansas Seed & Nursery Co., Kansas City, Mo. He specialized in landscape work. During the depression of the thirties, he moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma and made an attempt to start a nursery there. When that failed, he moved to Tecumseh, Okla. where he was associated with his brother, Jim Parker, of the Parker Nursery and Orchard Co. for a time. In more recent years, he lived at Claremore, Okla., where he established the Claremore Nurseries, operating them until his death . . . George Parker died 23 May 1942 at the Franklin Hospital, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Dora continued to live in the big house which was situated on ten acres of land in Claremore. As the place increased in value, Dora converted the house into apartments and managed the place until her death 26 January 1957.

Thelma, the daughter of George and Dora Parker, graduated from high school in Fayetteville and attended one year at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo. She then transferred to the University of Arkansas and was graduated in 1929 with a B.S. degree in High School Education. Her social sorority was Pi Beta Phi.

After teaching three years in the Junior High School at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Thelma married Thornton Alexander 4 June 1932 at Fayetteville, Ark. He is the son of Olen Anderson Alexander and Mary Frances Thornton and was born 17 December 1904 at Mena, Arkansas.

Thelma continued to teach at Ft. Smith until 1935 when she and Thornton moved to El Dorado, Arkansas, where Thornton was manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Their daughter, Sharon, was born 9 April 1940 at El Dorado, Arkansas. Thelma returned to teaching in the elementary school of El Dorado in 1954. She plans to retire in 1971. Thornton retired as manager of the Bell

Telephone Co. in 1968. They have recently returned from a two month's tour of Europe and a visit with their daughter and her family in England.

Sharon, the daughter of Thelma and Thornton Alexander, attended El Dorado High School and Lindenwood College, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with Bachelor of Art and Bachelor of Music degrees. At the University, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and, in 1961-62, president of Sigma Alpha Iota honorary music fraternity. She taught English for the year 1963-64 in the Berlitz School of Languages and the Cambridge Language Center in Paris, France, and studied music with Jules Gentil. Upon the recommendation of M. Gentil, she was nominated by the Educational Ministry as an assistant professor of English in the Jules Terry Lycee in Paris for the school year, 1964-65.

Sharon Alexander married Stephen Wilson 13 June 1964 at Malvern, England. He is the son of Norman and Jean Wilson, and was born 21 May 1941 at Stow, England. On account of her marriage, Sharon could not accept the earlier appointment. She taught piano at the Perse School for Girls at Cambridge while Stephen continued to work on his Ph.D. degree.

Two daughters were born to Stephen and Sharon Wilson; Sophia Catherine, born 12 April 1965 at Cambridge, England, and Charlotte Rebecca, born 6 December 1967 at Norwich, England.

Stephen Wilson received his preparatory training at Rugby and was an honors graduate of Cambridge University, receiving his Ph.D. degree in Modern French Political Thought in 1967. He taught one year at the University of Edinburgh, and is presently teaching at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, where they are making their home. He has been commissioned by Pengrin Publishing Company to write a book on French Social History which he hopes to have ready for the publisher in 1971.

Oscar Rosso, the fourth child of Archibald and Mary Cornett, was about five years old when his father died. He

helped his mother on the farm until he was grown and then he taught country schools in winter.

In August 1913, Oscar married Golda Lynch Barber, born 2 May 1892 at Bristol, Ark. She is the daughter of Edward Clark Barber and Sarah Adeline Adams. The Barber family still live in the Dutton, St. Paul, Pettigrew community in Madison County.

The first few years after they were married, they taught in Pettigrew, Oscar as Principal, Golda as assistant. Their son, Jack Gleason, was born 9 July 1915 at Pettigrew. Oscar bought an interest in the Eli Sizemore grocery store and, when Mr. Sizemore died about 1919, Oscar bought out his interests and continued to manage the store until the family moved to Fayetteville, Ark. in 1925. In Fayetteville, he bought and operated a grocery-filling station combination which he operated until 1927 when, together with Golda's brother, Wood Barber, he bought and managed the Ford Agency at Bentonville, Arkansas.

The depression forced the Ford Agency into bankruptcy and Oscar worked for the Fayetteville Merchantile Company for three or four years. As the depression lifted he secured financial backing and opened self-service groceries (three in all) in Ft. Smith. Oscar and Golda moved to Ft. Smith, Ark. about 1936, where they remained until Oscar's death 17 January 1945. He was laid to rest in that beautiful cemetery at Ft. Smith.

After settling the estate, Golda sold their home and moved back to Fayetteville. She kept her own apartment for several years, then moved into a hotel where she lives at the present time. Since Jack and his family live in Neosho, Missouri, they are only 75 miles away and she sees them often.

Jack Gleason Cornett, the son of Oscar and Golda Cornett, married Ruth Andrews 15 September 1940 at Forest City, Ark. She is the daughter of Chesley Andrews and Ella B. Turrentine, and was born 7 October 1919 at Huttigem, Ark. Jack and Ruth have five children: Carole Alison, born 25 July 1943 at Ft. Meade, South Dakota; Corliss Ruth, 20

March 1946 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Jack G. Jr., born 9 November 1947 at Forrest City, Ark.; Craig Andrew, born 9 June 1949 at Sapporo, Japan; and Jill Frances, born 17 March 1959 at Arlington, Va.

Jack Cornett was graduated from the University of Arkansas and commissioned as second lieutenant of infantry through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1937. He began his active service in 1940, serving first as a company officer with the 38th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division at Ft. Sam Houston; then with the 503rd Parachute Infantry Battalion at Fort Benning.

During World War II, Jack Cornett served in various Airborne assignments, including tours as Airborne Officer with the 1st Army Group in England and with the 12th Army Group in France. In the period between World War II and the Korean War, he served as: a Senior Instructor at the Command and General Staff College, a battalion commander and GI, 11th Airborne Division in Japan; and as the Commander, 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. During the Korean War, Jack served in combat as Executive Officer of the 5th Regimental Combat Team. He returned from Korea in 1953 to attend the Army War College. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Pentagon for duty with the Army General Staff and raised to the rank of Colonel.

From 1959 to 1961, Colonel Cornett was the Military Liaison Officer to the British Army in Singapore. He was assigned to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, from 1961 to 1964, and served as Deputy Assistant Commandant Chief of Academic Staff. From 1964 through mid-1966, was the DEPUTY CHIEF, JUMAG THAILAND, with residence and offices in Bangkok. This tour ended in June 1966 with his return to the United States and assignment to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There he was the Deputy Commander of the Combat Developments Command Institute of Combined Arms and Support.

Colonel Jack Gleason Cornett retired as Regular Army

Colonel in June 1967 after 30 years service. During most of the years of various assignments, his family accompanied him. Among his decorations and awards are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, Commendation Ribbons/OLC, Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

After he retired, Colonel Cornett moved to Neosho, Mo. and bought a home, where they enjoy the quiet atmosphere and pleasant surroundings of a small town. Ruth has always been busy with her family and home. Now, with the older children grown and only an eleven-year-old girl at home, she finds time for many activities. Ruth is a college graduate with a major in English. They are all active members of the Baptist Church.

Colonel Cornett is active in community and civic affairs and enjoys golf, hunting, running and other outdoor sports. But soon after retirement, he became interested in business. From 1 July 1967 to July 1968, he was Assistant to the President (for management) of Neosho Nurseries Company. From 15 July 1968 to 1970, he worked for Continental Aviation and Engineering, a Teledyne Company which makes and overhauls jet turbine engines for military, and has 420 employees. He was first Supervisor, then Chief of Production Control, then Program Administrator.

In September 1970, Colonel Cornett began a new career. He is presently teaching history, geography and political science in the secondary school at Neosho, Mo.

Carole Alison, the first child of Jack and Ruth Cornett, married James O. Graham in 1967 at Grove, Oklahoma. He is the son of Harley and Arora Graham, born 6 December 1942 at Grove, Okla. Carole is a Registered Nurse and James is an accountant for a petroleum company. They live in Tulsa, Oklahoma where they have a lovely home. Carole and James have one son, Sean Graham, born 3 May 1970 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Corliss Ruth, the second child of Jack and Ruth Cornett, married James Fred Rice in 1965 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He is the son of Clarence and Viola Rice and was born 30 September 1945 at Fayetteville, Ark. They have one son, James Henderson Rice, born 3 March 1966 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

James and Corliss are both working, and he is also attending college at Long Beach, California. They are presently making their home in Santa Ana, California.

Jack Gleason Cornett, the third child of Jack and Ruth Cornett, graduated from the University of Arkansas and received his Commission as First Lieutenant in June 1969. He married Rebecca Temple 28 August 1947 at Little Rock, Arkansas. Jack and Rebecca were classmates and graduated with the same class.

Lieutenant Jack Cornett, Jr. is presently stationed in Germany. His wife is with him and they are expecting their first child in the autumn of 1970.

Craig Andrew, the fourth child of Jack and Ruth Cornett, expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from the University of Arkansas in June 1971. He plans to migrate to Australia after his graduation. Since he was born in Japan, and has lived in several foreign countries, the plan doesn't seem strange to his family. All the children of Colonel Cornett feel very much at home overseas.

Robert Owen Cornett, the fifth child of Archibald and Mary Cornett, was born 10 December 1889 at Dutton, Ark., and in 1892 his father died. His education was the same as that of most boys growing up in rural America at the turn of the century. He, and his brother, Oscar, attended school until they were old enough to be useful on their mother's farm. Both boys left the farm as soon as possible. Oscar chose to teach school and Bob left to go to Fayetteville, Ark. where his sister, Dora, and her husband, George Parker, lived.

The Parker Bros. Nursery was large and prosperous and George took Bob into the business, training him as a nurseryman and landscape gardener. Bob learned quickly and was

soon supervising a group of men. He traveled some as a sales representative for Parker Bros. but his first interest was landscape design.

Bob was nineteen when he left Dutton but he came back often to visit and, during this time, Florence Miller was growing up. Bob and Florence were married 19 January 1916 at Dutton, Ark. She was the daughter of Columbus Miller and Susan Smith and the sister of J. Smith Miller who was married to Bob's Aunt Minerva.

Though Florence had attended Bird College in Huntsville, Ark., her real education came with the rearing of a family and her unending interest in the world around her. Bob and Florence had four children: Margie, born 2 February 1917 at Dutton and died 2 April 1917; Billy, born 16 August 1919 at Greenland, Arkansas; Mary Susan, born 9 December 1921 at Greenland, Arkansas and Robert Owen Jr., born 22 June 1923 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Since Bob was married and had children, he was not taken into the Army during World War I. He would probably have lived his entire life in Arkansas, content with his work, life-long friends and family, but the depression struck very hard in that part of Arkansas . . . In the thirties, he left his family and went to California to find work. California has been 'home' every since. By 1940 he and Mr. Walter Knott had met and Bob was able to do the thing he loved best. Knotts' Berry Farm was new and needed trees and shrubs and all the rest that makes it the landmark it is today. Bob and his crew of men are responsible for almost everything that grows there today. There are specimens of many unusual and interesting trees and shrubs and placing of each of them was a challenge with a beautiful reward. Bob was with Knotts until his retirement.

As a young man, Bob played on baseball teams on week-ends. He was a pitcher and loved baseball—always regretting that neither of his boys had his interest in the sport. He loved to fish and never failed to catch more than his share. As he grew older and could no longer attend sports

activities, he remarked that television must have been invented just for his pleasure.

Bob died 7 January 1965, and, as it should be for him, he rests in Loma Vista Mausoleum in Fullerton, California with its beautifully landscaped grounds.

Florence Cornett worked for thirty years, 1940 to 1970, every day except Monday, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Little Chapel at Knott's Berry Farm. Approximately, every four minutes, she touched a lever which caused doors to open revealing the full length picture of The Christ to those seated in the dark chapel. It is a painting of the Transfiguration by artist, Paul V. Kleben, and is considered one of the most authentic descriptions of Him.

Florence retired 1 January 1970 and continues to live in the house that she and Bob bought in Buena Park near their work, and converted into a beautiful home with a lovely landscaped yard and garden.

Billy Cornett, the elder son of Bob and Florence Cornett, enlisted in the Air Force in 1940. He married Mildred Heller 4 July 1941 in Nevada. She was born 12 September 1919 in Buffalo, N.Y., the daughter of Benjamin Heller and Isabelle Leavitt. They have two children; Billy Cornett II, born 13 December 1943 in San Francisco, California, and Cynthia Susan, born 13 March 1950 at Long Beach, California.

Billy Cornett made a career of the air force—he spent thirty years at it. His many experiences included leading the first squadron of 4F's to Alaska, non-stop; a two year assignment as military governor of a group of cities in Japan; a tour of duty in Panama; two tours of duty in the Pentagon, one of which was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff; two years as military NATO representative in Italy; and a tour of duty in Germany in 1968 during which he was stationed at Weisbaten, Germany. Billy Cornett was promoted to the rank of full Colonel in 1954 when he was thirty-five years old.

Colonel Billy Cornett retired in 1970 and moved to his

ranch near San Francisco, Calif. to make a permanent home. His address is Hopland, California.

Billy Cornett II, born 13 December 1943 in San Francisco, the son of Mildred and Billy Cornett, Sr., married Carol Gilliland 4 July 1967. They have one child, Kristen Alexandria Cornett, born in May 1969.

Billy II and Carol both graduated from San Jose State College at San Jose, Calif. in 1967. Billy II majored in Political Science and Carol in Business Administration.

In order to fulfill his military obligation, Billy II went into Officers Training School immediately following graduation. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant JG and then to full Lieutenant which rank he now holds. He is undecided at the present whether to make the Navy his career or to go back to college and get a Master's Degree in Political Science in order to apply for duty in the Foreign Service of the State Department.

Billy Cornett II is presently at the United States Naval Destroyer School at Newport, R.I. His wife, Carol, and the baby, Kristen, have joined him.

Cynthia Susan, the daughter of Mildred and Billy Cornett Sr. graduated from high school in Weisbaden, Germany. She had an exceptionally high grade average and was accepted as a student at the University of California in Santa Cruz. While at the University she met and married Russell McCraken of Seattle, Washington. They have a son, Lachman McCraken, born 10 September 1970.

Cindy and Russell are presently in Canada, and are thinking seriously of making their permanent residence there. In any case, they plan to return to California for Russell to finish his fourth year at the University of California.

Mary Susan, the third child of Bob and Florence Cornett, graduated from Fullerton Union High School in 1940 and attended Fullerton College for two years then started working. Susan went to Panama to visit her brother, Billy, and his family in 1946, and there she met Jex Brigham. They were

married 15 Sept. 1948 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He is the son of Thomas William Brigham and Eunice Moulded, and was born 11 January 1915 at Murphy, Texas.

Jex Moulden Brigham entered the Air Force in 1941 after receiving his Aeronautical Engineering degree from the Indiana Institute of Technology; thus fulfilling his boyhood dream of flying an airplane. During World War II, he did not go overseas but spent those years as an instructor in the United States. In 1950, Jex was sent to obtain his Master's Degree at Massachusetts Institute in Cambridge, Mass. Upon his graduation, they were sent to Florida where their first child was born.

Susan and Jex have two children: Desiree' Melinda, born 2 December 1953 at Elgin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton, Florida, and Thomas Robert, born 11 December 1956 at U. S. Naval Academy Hospital, Annapolis, Maryland. They were stationed in Washington, D.C. and living in Annapolis, Maryland.

Jex Brigham retired from the Air Force with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is presently Management Engineer at Douglas Aircraft Company at Huntington Beach, California. The family lives in Santa Ana, California where their children are in school. Desiree' Melinda is a senior in high school and plans to go to the University of California. She worked the summer of 1970 as a typist in a CPA's office. Thomas Robert is a freshman in high school and his only interest is sports.

Tommy Kay Brigham, the daughter of Jex Brigham by a former marriage, graduated from Denton College at Denton, Texas. After teaching school for four years, Tommy married Michael A. Levin. He graduated from the University of Southern California as a Pharmacist and is presently attending law school. They have one child, Gregory Matthew, born 2 July 1970.

Robert Owen Cornett Jr., the fourth child of Bob and Florence Cornett, married Elizabeth Dale in September 1945

Texas. Elizabeth had a child by a previous marriage. Hildreth at Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born 12 April 1947 at Tyler, Texas. Robert and Elizabeth have two children; Susan Elizabeth, born 6 June 1950 at Tucson, Arizona, and Robert Owen III, born 8 December 1952 at Tucson.

Bob Jr. and Elizabeth were divorced in 1964. Among his various talents, Bob Jr. is a Master Chef and, since he finds it easy to find work wherever he happens to be, he is prone to travel from place to place following the seasons and his interests.

Hildreth married Troy Huskey and resides in Phoenix, Arizona. They have a son, Stephen Huskey age two.

Susan Elizabeth married Ronald Hedges in May 1969. They have a son, Robert Paul Hedges, born in April 1970. Ronald served three years with the navy and fulfilled his military obligation. Then he and Susan went back to the farm in Missouri.

Robert Owen Cornett III lived with his paternal grandparents and attended high school in Buena Park, Calif. When he joined his mother in Arizona, he became interested in the mechanics of purchasing, preparing and serving food in Hotels and restaurants. Since his father is a Chef, he had grown up in the business and, with training, study and actual working experience, he has become one of the youngest hotel and restaurant managers in the business. He is employed by the McCulloch Corporation, the company that bought London Bridge and moved it stone by stone to be rebuilt in Havasu City, Arizona. A note of interest here is that, when the Lord Mayor of London came to Havasu City to dedicate the bridge, Bob was in charge of the banquet which followed the ceremony. The McCulloch Corporation management was impressed with this young man and his ability so they moved him to Pueblo, Colorado where they placed him in charge of ninety people, including two chefs and eleven cooks. He is presently the General Manager of the Pueblo West Inn and the Eagles Nest Restaurant at the Pueblo Air-

port, Colorado. Bob lives with his mother when he is in Havasu City and, since she is now Elizabeth Schaffer, he also answers to the name of Schaffer because it seemed easier to use her name when he was growing up.

Chapter VIII

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

JOHN CORNETT III

John Cornett III, the second son of Nancy and *John Cornett* Sr., born 3 May 1855, married Winnie Grigsby in 1883 at Dutton, Arkansas and settled on a mountain farm about three miles from his father's farm. They had six children; Rhoda, born 2 March 1884 and died 13 September 1885; *Grover Cleveland,* born 17 December 1885; George Washington, born 9 March 1888; James Grady, born 21 February 1891; Nancy Ann, born 20 November 1894; and Mary Ellen, born 3 March 1897.[1]

John Cornett III had built a one-room log house and planted an orchard soon after he filed on his claim. He had also built fences and cleared some small fields for crops. He proved up on the place and received his deed 26 March 1890.[2]

John and Winnie attended the Primitive Baptist Church and the boys went to the Madison County School at Dutton, Ark. In the winter, their father often walked four miles to work in the sawmill on White River for extra money to pay expenses.

The boys grew up in that beautiful country, went swimming in a favorite spot called the "Old Swimmin' Hole," and went fishing in summer and hunting in winter. They did the

[1] Family Bible of John Cornett III.

[2] Original deed to the farm of John Cornett.

chores and worked hard on the farm. In later years, Grover told many stories of his happy, carefree boyhood days. One was about the time the S.L. & S.F. Railroad was built from Fayetteville through Dutton and Pettigrew in 1898. Grover and George were out hunting squirrels with their father's old musket loader. It was so heavy that it took both boys to carry it. As they walked along the track, they heard the train coming and started running down the mountain side. The engineer looked out the window and laughed. He pulled the whistle cord as they ran like scared rabbits until the train was out of sight. After he became a telegrapher for the Rock Island, Grover loved to tell this story to railroad men about the first time he saw a train.

The first day Grover (he was called Clevey then) went to school, one of the big boys was whipped with a long hickory limb. The frightened little boy wouldn't go back to school the next day. His mother took him by the hand and led him back. He was always afraid of that teacher. When Smith Miller, who later married his aunt Minerva, came to teach school at Dutton, everything changed for Clevey. Smith Miller was the tallest, handsomest man Clevey had ever seen, and the best teacher he ever had. This admiration continued to his last days. Uncle Smith, by the power of his strong personality, ruled the school with a firm hand, and the big boys stepped around respectfully.

The carefree boyhood ended abruptly on 18 August 1900 with the death of John Cornett III. Clevey was fourteen years old when his father died. And he became a man, the man of the family. That fall he had to take the initiative in the farm work. The usual number of hogs was butchered, the meat cured and smoked.

During the winter Winnie received letters from Thomas Williams, who had married John Cornett's sister Lauranie and moved to Texas a few years before. Lauranie had died 1 October 1900, and left him with five childrden near the ages of Winnie's five. Thomas asked her to marry him and help him to rear the children, who were cousins, as one

family. Thomas made a trip back to Dutton and they were married 2 March 1901. They sold the cured meat in the smokehouse to Grandfather Cornett, who owned the general store in Dutton, for enough money to pay the carfare of the family to Texas. It was a marriage of convenience which turned out well. They lived together for forty-six years and reared a family of ten. Thomas and Winnie had one son, Mark Hanna Williams, born 28 February 1904. He died 9 September 1905.

The family became itinerant farmers in Texas. With teen-age children, who were willing to work, Thomas Williams had no trouble renting a farm. They would live on one farm a year, then he would decide to move to another place. They chopped cotton, they picked cotton, but during this time they seldom went to school. The weeks were one long, hard struggle for existence. The boys worked at making railroad ties or cutting stovewood; anything to make a few dollars to buy some food. Finally, Thomas Williams decided to move to Oklahoma.

The family of twelve started out in two covered wagons followed by their two milk cows. They would travel for a few days then, as their food supply began to get low, they would stop and work long enough to stock up on supplies.

The caravan happened into Dallas, Texas, at the time of the Texas State Fair, and they found themselves traveling through the city with the parade. People were ranged on either side of the street watching the parade. The onlookers thought they were part of the parade, clapping their hands and waving at the country family in the wagons. The young people enjoyed the exitement to the fullest, yelling and exchanging wisecracks with the crowd as they rode along. They were not allowed to turn off the main street until they came to the outskirts of Dallas.

At last they were out of the city and the boys could stretch their legs and run along beside the wagons as they headed on toward Oklahoma, crossing the Red River north of Denison, Texas.

Thinking that the children would be able to attend school there, Thomas Williams traded for a drug store in Calera, Oklahoma. But he soon found out that the books shown him by the owner had misled him. The money made in that drug store had to be made by selling whiskey. Since he wouldn't sell whiskey, Thomas had to close the store the next spring at a great loss. Then he rented land in Bryan County around Caddo for awhile, moving to another farm each year.

One by one, the boys left home as they reached their 21st birthdays. The father gave each one a team, harness and wagon as he left. Clevey was the last.

Bertha Williams married Lon Cook. He died shortly afterward and left her with a baby son, Teddy. Bertha returned home and lived with her parents until she married the second time.

There was a triple wedding at the Turnbull School House 21 March 1909; Bertha Cook married Tom Dillon, Cora Williams married Arville Hatcher and George Cornett married Etta Hatcher. They all settled on farms in the area.

Thomas Williams gave up farming and was appointed postmaster at Kenific, Oklahoma.

When Clevey's 21st birthday came and he was ready to leave, he had decided to go to the Telegraph College in Dallas, Texas. He sold his team and wagon to his stepfather for $200. That was to be paid half then and the balance as needed. Since he had never liked to be called "Clevey," he told his family that he had decided to be called by his first name, "Grover."

On 31 December 1906, Grover set out for Dallas on foot. As soon as he reached his destination, he paid his tuition, which was $69, and rented a room for one month. Then he was homesick. He managed to live on the remainder of the $200 by washing dishes for most of his meals until he had finished the course in telegraphy and the business course that went with it. Then the message came that Grover Cornett was to go to the railroad telegraph office where a dead head ticket was waiting for him. He was sent to Hinton, Okla. to

be helper for the agent in the Rock Island station, at $25 per month. Since that wasn't enough for him to rent a room, he slept on a couple of grain doors laid across the rafters in the freight house. After a few months, Grover was sent to Driftwood, Oklahoma as Station Agent at $35 per month. He refused the job when he found they were intending to take the telegraph instruments out. The superintendent agreed to leave them for him to practice.

In the spring of 1909, Grover bid in the first trick telegraph operator's job at Alva, Oklahoma. While there, he met Essie Richardson, a young school teacher who was attending Northwestern State Teachers College. He went back to Driftwood after one year.

On 18 June 1911, Grover Cleveland Cornett and Essie Richardson were married in her parent's home on a farm at Homestead, Oklahoma.

Driftwood was a small town in northern Oklahoma with a railroad station, two stores, a post office, a bank, a school house and two churches. At that time it didn't have a house for rent or sale, not even an apartment.

Grover built a nice, little four-room house by hiring a good carpenter and doing much of the work himself. They lived in that house exactly five years. Their son, Richard Orin Cornett, was born in that house, 14 November 1913.

Grover bid in the station agent's job at Hitchcock, Oklahoma and they moved in June 1916. Two and-half years later, they moved to Elk City, Okla., the junction point between the Katy railroad and the Rock Island. During the war, the Katy station was closed and the Rock Island agent had the responsibility of both stations with a staff of 16.

The depression years brought hardships to the Cornett family and Grover helped his sisters and brothers as well as his parents. Essie returned to school. She attended high school in Elk City and graduated with the class of 1923. Then she taught first grade in the Elk City School for four years, at the same time commuting to night classes at Southwestern College at Weatherford, 56 miles away.

In 1927, Grover and Essie moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma where they lived for 25 years. Grover was station agent at Earlsboro, a small town in the oil field 12 miles from Shawnee, for six years. After the oil boom was over, he bid in the job as first trick telegraph operator at Shawnee. By going to summer school and to night classes while teaching in winter, Essie managed to earn a B.S. Degree in Education at Oklahoma Baptist University, which she received in 1937.

While Essie was taking night classes at O.B.U. Grover accompanied her and took several Bible courses.

Grover had worked for the Rock Island for 45 years when, after several heart attacks, he decided to retire in 1952. They sold the home and the kindergarten and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to live near their son, Richard Orin, and his family.

It wasn't long until Essie started another kindergarten in their home. She kept it, with Grover as assistant, until 1966 when they decided to retire again.

Grover continued to have heart attacks occasionally but still managed to be active in church. He was ordained as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Elk City and was an active deacon in the First Baptist Church of Shawnee, and in Woodmont Baptist in Nashville, Tennessee. He always taught a Sunday School Class.

On 7 August 1968, Grover went out as usual to work a few minutes in his little garden. Essie found him ten minutes later sitting on a ledge, slumped over. He opened his eyes one time and breathed his last. He was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in the beautiful Garden of the Gospel in Nashville, Tenn.

Essie sold their home in Nashville and moved to Laurel, Maryland to live with their son, Richard Orin, and his wife.

Richard Orin Cornett, son of Grover and Essie Cornett, was born in Driftwood, Oklahoma 14 November 1913; attended school in Elk City, Oklahoma; graduated from high school at Shawnee, Oklahoma in 1930, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Oklahoma

Baptist University in 1934. He taught physics at his Alma Mater for three years and attended graduate school at Oklahoma University, receiving his Master of Science Degree in 1937. He received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in physics at the University of Texas in 1940 at Austin, Texas, and has since received honorary doctorates from three universities. He is listed in Who's Who in America, American Men of Science, and Who Knows and What.

Orin was head of the physics department at Oklahoma Baptist University for one year. When World War II came up, he obtained a leave of absence to go to Pennsylvania as Assistant Supervisor of Physics in the statewide ESMWT Program of Pennsylvania State University.

After one year Orin went to Cambridge, Mass. to teach electronics and radar to army and navy officers at Harvard University for the duration of the war.

While returning to his job in Pennsylvania after the Christmas holidays in 1941, Orin met Lorene Elizabeth Huston on the train. She was going from her home in Iowa to Pittsburgh, Penn. where she was teaching in an elementary school. It was a case of "love at first sight" for Orin and, after more than a year's courtship by correspondence, coupled with the few visits he could manage, he persuaded her to be his wife. They were married 26 May 1943 in the home where Lorene was reared, near Westboro, Missouri. Lorene was born 12 October 1916, the daughter of William Huston and Elizabeth Sloan. She attended Tarkio College at Tarkio, Mo., and graduated from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Orin and Lorene Cornett have three children: Linda Lorene, born 2 March 1944 at Needham, Mass.; Robert Huston, born 2 December 1945 at Shawnee, Okla.; and Stanley Orin, born 14 February 1949 at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

In September 1945, Orin returned to Shawnee, Oklahoma as Assistant to the President of Oklahoma Baptist University, later becoming Executive Vice-President of that institution. On 2 February 1951, he went to Nashville, Tenn. as

Executive Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. During the eight years he held that office, he surveyed most of the Baptist colleges and seminaries in the Convention and assisted in starting several more in major cities.

Orin left Nashville in 1959 to take a position with the United States Office of Education in Washington, D.C., advancing after three years to the rank of Assistant U.S. Commissioner of Education, as Director of the Division of Higher Education. While the family lived in McLean, Va.; Lorene returned to teaching. She taught second grade for several years in the Kent Garden Elementary School. The family were members of McLean Baptist Church, where both Orin and Lorene held various offices.

After six and one-half years with the U.S. Office of Education, Orin joined the faculty of Gallaudet College as Vice President, the position he holds at the present time. Gallaudet is the world's only college for the deaf. He has originated a new method of communication for the deaf which he calls "Cued Speech." This new method is being used in England, Australia, and other countries as well as in many schools in the United States. It is available in sixteen languages.

When the family moved to Laurel, Maryland in 1968 to shorten the commuting time to Gallaudet College, Lorene began teaching home-bound children for the Prince Georges County schools. They live at 8702 Royal Ridge Lane, Laurel, Md.

For data on above note the following quotation from "The Blue Book. Leaders of the English Speaking World," published by St. James Press, Chicago and London, 1970.

"Cornett, R(ichard) Orin, Ph.D., American, 55, Physicist and Educator: Vice President, Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C.; Divisional Director and Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C. (1962-65). Originator of Cued Speech (Communication for the Deaf) 1966."

Linda Cornett, the first child of Orin and Lorene Cornett, attended grade school at Nashville, Tennessee and entered McLean High School at McLean, Virginia during her freshman year. She sang with the Madrigal group in the high school choir. During her senior year, she played the part of Jane Gibson, and sang in the chorus, in the musical "Call Me Madam." She graduated in 1962.

During the four years Linda spent at Oklahoma Baptist University, she sang with the Bison Glee Club as one of the six "Little Sisters" for two years, and with the Chorale for two years. Linda was a mezzo-soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian Church through her junior and senior years. In the summer of 1964, she toured Europe with a group of O.B.U. students and teachers and spent 5 weeks studying English at Spurgeon College in England.

While a senior, Linda was selected for membership in Zeta Chi, an honorary leadership group whose members have demonstrated outstanding qualities of character and unusual ability as leaders. She was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the 1965-66 school year. Linda graduated in 1966, and received a B.S. Degree in Education with a high school teaching certificate in English.

While at the University, Linda met William J. Badley. They were married 10 September 1966 in the McLean Baptist Church. Bill was born 4 March 1945 at Guthrie, Oklahoma, the son of William Alexander Badley and Dorothy Douglas.

Linda and Bill Badley moved to Iowa City, Iowa, and enrolled in the University of Iowa, where Bill received his A.B. degree in June 1967 and Linda her M.A. degree in August 1967. They then moved to Louisville, Kentucky where Bill enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and works part-time as a night dispatcher. Bill worked all through his high school and college years on holidays and in the summers in railroad offices. Linda taught English in a predominately Negro high school in Louisville for three

years. She has accepted a teaching assistantship at the University of Louisville and is presently working on her Ph.D. in English.

Robert Huston Cornett, second child of Orin and Lorene Cornett, graduated from McLean High School in 1963. He was a semi-finalist in the eighth National Merit Scholarship competition. During his junior year, he sang the tenor lead in the high school musical "Call Me Madam." Since then, he has studied with Frederick Wilkerson in Washington, D.C. and has been employed as a tenor in the choir of Christ's Episcopal Church in Georgetown (Washington, D.C.) for two years.

Robert entered Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio as a pre-engineering student in 1963. In March and April of his freshman year, he toured the Soviet Union with the Oberlin Choir under the Cultural Presentation Program of the Department of State. The 75-member choir gave 33 concerts in Russian cities, including Leningrad and Moscow. They were well received everywhere. Upon their return, they gave a concert in Carnegie Hall, New York City. Each year after that, the choir made a nice educational tour in the United States. One tour took them all along the eastern coast of the United States, and still another to the Glacier area and to the many fine parks of our country.

Robert graduated from Oberlin College in 1967 with a B.S. degree in physics. He received a teaching assistantship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minn. After a year of graduate study, he taught physics in Bowie High School, Bowie, Md., for two years, and continued his graduate work during the summers.

In September 1970, Robert accepted a teaching assistantship at the University of Maryland, in College Park, Md., and is presently continuing graduate study on a Doctor of Philosophy degree in astrophysics.

Stanley Orin Cornett, the third child of Orin and Lorene Cornett, graduated from McLean High School in June, 1966. He sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "This is my

Country" at his graduation. During high school, Stanley had leading parts in several musicals. Among them were "West Side Story," "Milk and Honey" and "Carnival." During his senior year in high school and the ensuing summers, he was employed as a tenor at St. John's Church, the "Church of the Presidents," across Lafayette Square from the White House.

Stanley entered the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N.Y. in 1966. At Eastman he has performed as tenor soloist in Mozart's "Mass in C," K. 257 ("Credo Mass"), and as tenor soloist in Handel's "Messiah." More recently he was featured in recital with the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery Concert Series, as well as in productions of the Eastman School's Opera Department, notably Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte," Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman," Poulenc's "Dialogue of the Carmelites," Denizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore," and Menotti's "The Medium." In addition, he appeared as tenor soloist in Haydn's "Creation," with the Corning Philharmonic Society, Corning, N.Y.

At the close of his junior year at Eastman, Stanley enlisted in the U.S. Army and took basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, beginning 1 June 1970. He auditioned for the United States Army Chorus and received a place as first tenor. He is presently stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia. Stanley also has a position as Choir Director at the Boulevard Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.

On 12 September 1970 Stanley married Celina Marlo Lindsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio A. Lindsley of New Gretna, New Jersey. She was born 26 February 1948 at Camden, New Jersey. Celina graduated from Eastman School of Music in June 1970. She is a coloratura soprano and plans to continue with graduate study in music at the University of Maryland where she has accepted a part-time position as instructor in voice, beginning in January 1971. They live in Falls Church, Virginia.

George Washington Cornett, the third child of John Cornett III and his wife, Winnie, married Etta Hatcher 21 March

1909 at a school house east of Caddo, Oklahoma in Bryan County. They were one of the three couples in a triple wedding: Cora Williams and Orville Hatcher, Bertha Williams Cook and Thomas Dillon, were the other two couples.

George and Etta lived on a farm in Bryan County where their oldest son, George Jr., was born in March 1910. When the boy was 15 months old, George quit farming to move to Driftwood, Okla. where he bought a barber shop. He put in a "short order" restaurant, but still couldn't make a go of it. After a year he sold out and moved back to a farm in Bryan County. Etta Marie was born there 5 January 1914 and LaVerne Neil was born 12 October 1917. George decided to go into barbering again and moved to Hitchcock, Okla. where they lived for about a year.

They moved to Okarche in 1918. Kenneth John was born there 25 December 1918. A couple of years later, Tradford was born. They lived in Kingfisher, Okla. for awhile, then the family moved to Pratt, Kansas where George went on with his barber trade. Joyce, the sixth child, was born 30 July 1928.

George W. Cornett died 14 July 1947, at Pratt Kansas. His wife, Etta, died 31 January 1968 at Wichita, Kansas. They are both buried in the cemetery at Pratt, Kansas.

Tradford, the youngest son of George and Etta Cornett enlisted in the Army of the United States and was killed in action in World War II.

George Jr., the oldest son of George and Etta Cornett, has not been heard from since the 1930's.

Etta Marie, the second child of George and Etta Cornett, first married Clarence Kocher. They had seven children: Kenneth, born 25 January 1941; Cleta J., born 26 April 1943, also at Pratt, Kansas; Richard, born 27 September 1944 at Tampa, Florida; Phyllis, born 14 August 1946 at Pratt, Kansas; George, born 4 April 1950 at Pratt, Kansas; Edward, born 6 June 1952 at Pratt, Kansas; and Danny, born 10 April 1954 at Wichita, Kansas.

Etta Marie Cornett Kocher married Harris Dean Hancock

7 September 1957. He was born 29 July 1912 at Attica, Kansas, the son of Roy E. Hancock and Celia Brown.

Dean Hancock has been an invalid for six years. Etta Marie works as a nurse in a care home for the elderly in Anthony, Kansas. Her chidren are all married and away from home except the two youngest, Edward and Danny.

LaVerne Neil Cornett, the third child of George and Etta Cornett first married Ruth Alice Weaver. They had two children; Lewis LaVerne, born 9 June 1938 at Pratt, Kansas, and Sondra Alice, born 13 November 1941 at Great Bend, Kansas. LaVerne enlisted in the navy and served during World War II. After the war he married Mildred Jean Woodworth. She was born 30 April 1913, the daughter of Edwin Stanton Woodworth and Sarah Elizabeth Speer. Presently they live at Parsons, Kansas, where they both work for Swift and Company.

Lewis LaVerne, son of LaVerne Neil and Ruth Alice Cornett, married Eleanor Gail Carney, daughter of Clyde Efile Carney and Marie Brubaker. She was born 22 September 1937 at Notrona Heights, Pa. To them were born three children: Vincent Neil, born 4 September 1958 at Great Lakes, Illinois, Nicholas Clyde, born 22 September 1959 at Portsmouth, Va., and Candace Ann, born 18 September 1964 at Kingston, Pa. Lewis LaVerne Cornett is Chief Petty Officer in the Navy at the present time. He is stationed in Hawaii, U.S.A.

Sondra Alice Cornett, the daughter of LaVerne Neil and Alice Ruth Cornett, married Milton Leroy Kipps 2 April 1960 at Chicago, Illinois. He is the son of Jefferson Milton Kipps and Gladys Pippen, and was born 13 August 1940 at Amarillo, Texas. They have a daughter, Tracy Lynn Kipps, born 17 July 1965, at Chicago, Illinois.

Kenneth John Cornett, the fourth child of George and Etta Cornett, moved to Pratt, Kansas with his family and attended school there. He first married Margaret Lewis and they were divorced.

Kenneth served in the army during World War II, and

was seriously wounded when he and four others were blown out of a foxhole. He was the sole survivor. After his long convalescence the war was over and he was able to be discharged.

Kenneth married Dorothy Irene Presson 18 January 1944 at Rossville, Tenn. She was born 7 April 1923 at El Dorado, Kansas. They had three children: Donald Kenneth, born 1 September 1945 at Atlanta, Ga.; Dale Tradford, born 1 August 1947 at El Dorado, Kansas; Cherie Dianne, born 7 November 1949 at Wichita, Kansas.

They moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where Kenneth worked as a foreman in final assembly at Douglas Aircraft for several years. Kenneth died 24 September 1961 at Boise, Idaho, and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery at Pratt, Kansas. After Kenneth's death, Dorothy married Jack Thuma and moved to California. After several month's illness, Jack died 10 April 1968.

Dorothy is presently working in the business office, accounting department, the Queen of the Valley Hospital at West Covina, California.

Donald Kenneth, the first child of Kenneth and Dorothy Cornett, married Rita Eileen Liddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Liddle of La Buente, Calif. She was born 12 August 1945 at Ottawa, Kansas. They married 28 August 1965 in the Tri-City Baptist Church of La Buenta, Calif.

After living for a short time in Rowland Heights, California, Donald was drafted into the army 11 October 1966 and served in the Infantry with the 1st Air Cavalry for two years. He was in Vietnam for one year. He received the Purple Heart for a gun shot wound in his thigh and for a punji stick thrust through his left hand. He also had malaria three times during his year in Vietnam and twice since his discharge from the service.

Donald served in radio communication. He once had the equipment shot off his back, and had a rifle shot out of his hands. After his tour of duty was finished, he came home to California. He is presently taking some courses at Huntington

Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, and expects to graduate in 1972 as an X-ray Technologist.

Donald and Rita live at 11421 E. Lambert Ave., El Monte, California. They have a little daughter, Vanessa Renee' born 5 September 1970 at El Monte, California.

Dale Tradford, the second child of Kenneth and Dorothy Cornett, married Jacqueline Jeffers, the daughter of Jack McKinley Jeffers and Teressa Ann Giannone, on 8 October 1966 at Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born 27 October 1947 at Los Angeles, California. They have one daughter, Dina Michelle, born 1 September 1968 in Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Dale served in the Honor Guard for two years and was stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia until his discharge. He assisted in the funeral services for General Eisenhower and for Robert Kennedy, as well as in many ceremonies for various dignitaries.

Dale and Jacqueline live at 10623 Frier St., Temple City, California. He is presently a senior at the City of Hope in Duarte, studying to become an X-ray Technologist, and will graduate in 1971.

Cherie Diane, the only daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy Cornett, graduated from high school in West Covina, Calif. and completed a cosmetology course. On 13 September 1969, she married John Bryant Jackson at West Covina, Calif. He was born 30 December 1948 in Boston, Mass., the son of John Andrew Jackson and Madaline Elizabeth Kerrigan.

John is presently at Fort Polk, La., taking basic training for the National Guard. In four months, he hopes to resume his ball playing career. He has played two seasons as pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds baseball farm club. He is enrolled for part time in college work, hoping to become a teacher of sports or history.

Cherie is presently working as a beauty operator.

Winifred Joyce Cornett, the sixth child of George and Etta Cornett, was born 30 July 1928 at Pratt, Kansas. She

first married Gerold George Fields, and they had three children; all at Pratt, Kansas: Gerold Wayne Fields, born 18 December 1946; Bradley Douglas Fields, born 26 April 1948, and Linda Joyce Fields, born 18 January 1950. Joyce then married Lawrence Laverne Suiter, and they had two children: James Michael Suiter, born 31 August 1951 at Pratt, Kansas, and Jack Lyle Suiter, born 19 December 1953 at Wichita, Kansas. Lawrence Suiter was a truck driver and was killed in a car wreck in 1953.

Joyce next married Carl Stanley Petrick, whom she divorced the next year. Sonia Arlene Petrick was born 7 August 1955 at Pratt, Kansas. Joyce married Alvin Leroy Barnhart, who was born 13 September 1917 at Winfield, Kansas. They had one child, Courtney Lee Barnhart, who died at birth at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Alvin Leroy Barnhart was killed in a train wreck 21 November 1958.

Gerold Wayne Fields has been attending the Foursquare L.I.F.E. Bible College at Los Angeles, California for the last three years. The College was founded by Aimie Semple McPherson. Lighthouse of International Foursquare Evangelism was established in 1925. Gerold expects to graduate next year.

Bradley Douglas Fields, the second son of Joyce and Gerold Fields, married Susan Lee Rardon on 22 December 1969. He is a door gunner in the paratroopers, and is serving his country in Vietnam at the present time. He writes his mother that he attends a very nice chapel over there where the chaplain preaches the Word of God.

Linda Joyce, the third child of Joyce and Gerold Fields, married Gary Milton Miller on 28 June 1969 in Foursquare Church, Haysville, Kansas. Gary was born 20 January 1947 at Wichita, Kansas, the son of Dale Benton and Betty Joe Miller. They have a son, Aaron Milton Miller, born 21 April 1970 at Wichita, Kansas.

Joyce's three younger children live with their mother at 532 Ellis, Wichita, Kansas. The two boys are working and Sonia is in school.

James Grady Cornett, the fourth child of John and Winnie Cornett, was born 27 February 1891 at Dutton, Ark. He married Fleat Phelps on 8 October 1911 at Kenefic, Okla. She was the daughter of Harvey and Elizabeth Ann Phelps of Caddo, Okla. Fleat died at the birth of their daughter, Camille, 8 January 1915.

James Grady enlisted in the navy at the beginning of World War I, serving most of the time on transport ships. He crossed the ocean eight times during the war.

After he was discharged and returned home, Grady married Myrtle Allen Kapphan 19 September 1921 in Wichita, Kansas. They lived in Oklahoma City, Okla. for several years where they owned and operated a cleaning and pressing establishment. Then he bought a Help-Yourself Laundry at Blanchard, Okla. Later he bought another Help-Yourself Laundry at Alex, Okla. Myrtle died 2 September 1951. Nine years later, Grady married Clista M. Snider on 22 July 1960. Clista died 20 May 1961.

Grady's younger sister, Mary and her husband, Henry Ligon, moved from Elk City, Okla. to Alex, Okla., to help in the laundry and to keep house for him. When he sold out and retired in 1965, they all moved to Madill, Okla. which is situated on Lake Texoma, the fishing paradise of Oklahoma.

Camille, the daughter of Grady and Fleat Cornett, was reared by her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Phelps at Caddo, Okla. Mrs. Phelps was an invalid for a long time and had to have both feet amputated. Camille graduated from high school at Caddo and took care of her grandmother for many years.

After her grandmother's death, Camille lived for a few years at Alex, Okla. with her father and step-mother and helped him with his bookkeeping and with cleaning and pressing in the laundry. Then Camille married Bill Reiter. After a short time, they were divorced and she moved to Port Washington, Wisconsin, where she has worked for eighteen years at an assembly line in a company which makes

small motors. She spends her summer holidays with her father and Aunt Mary at Madill, Oklahoma.

Nancy Ann Cornett, the fifth child of John and Winnie Cornett, was born 20 November 1894 at Dutton, Ark. She married Michael Le Flore 12 December 1913. He was the great grandson of Colonel Le Flore, the officer of the United States Army who led the Choctaw Indians from Mississippi to Oklahoma in the eighteen thirties. In Oklahoma the Choctaw tribe is known as one of Five Civilized Tribes.

Three children were born to Michael and Nancy Le Flore at Kenefic, Oklahoma; the first two were Mary Louise, 20 October 1915, Charles Abbot (C.A.) 15 May 1916. In May, 1919, Michael Le Flore was fatally injured when a mule he was driving kicked him. He lived less than a week. Two days before his death their third baby was born 25 May 1919. Nancy named the little daughter Michael after her father.

In the summer of 1921 Nancy moved to Elk City, Okla., where her children grew up and all graduated from the Elk City High School. The girls married and C.A. attended Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, Okla. for two years.

C. A. Le Flore served for a time in the Marines during World War II. He was seriously wounded when the ship he was on was torpedoed. He spent several months in the hospital.

Nancy Le Flore moved to Oklahoma City in 1943 to look after her mother and step-father. After their health improved, she worked in a cleaning and pressing establishment and lived in an apartment near her mother and step-father until they passed away in 1947-48. She continued working at cleaning and pressing and also as a nursery attendant at the Olivet Baptist Church.

When Nancy retired, she moved back to Elk City, Okla. to live in an apartment near her daughter, Louise. After an illness of several months, she died on 6 December 1967.

Mary Louise Le Flore, the oldest child of Nancy and Mi-

chael Le Flore, graduated from high school at Elk City, and married Clouis Eugene Hay there 22 October 1933. He was the son of Charles Eugene Hay and Bertha Johnson, born 26 December 1914 at Eddy, Texas. Louise and Clouis had one son, Charles Eugene Hay, born 29 March 1937 at Elk City, Okla.

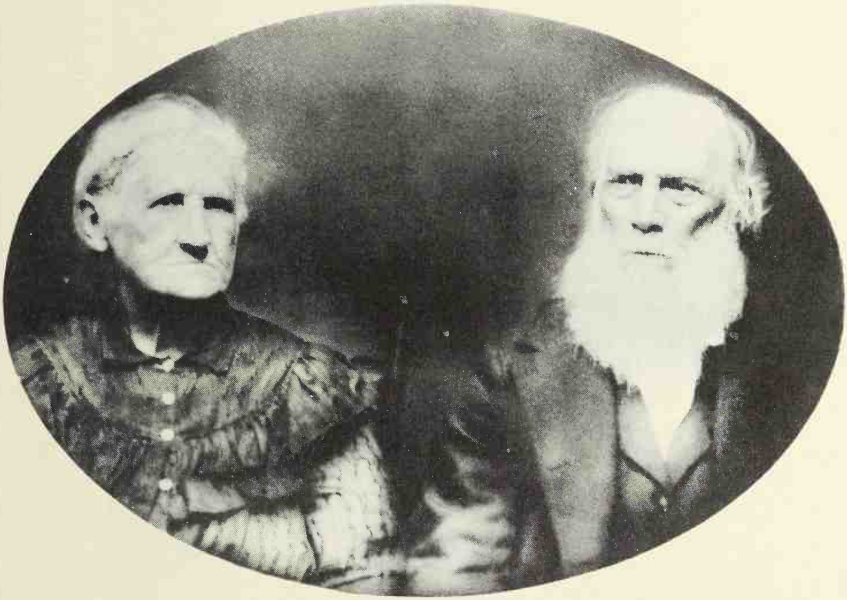
Clouis enlisted in the army at the beginning of World War II, and while he was overseas, Louise started a kindergarten in her home which she continued for twenty years. They were divorced sometime after he was discharged and Clouis married Ruth Perkins. He died 31 August 1968, and was buried in Fairlawn Cemetery at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Louise Hay married Clifton Henry 19 January 1950 at Elk City. He was the son of Virgil Crittenden Henry and Julia Walls, born 6 March 1911 in Blue Mountain, Ark. Clifton had first married Linnie Barham—she and Louise were close friends all their lives. Clifton and Linnie married 15 April 1933. They had two sons: Virgil Charles, born 30 January 1934, and John Emerson, born 25 October 1937. Linnie died 22 February 1948.

Louise and Clifton Henry have one son, Joe Mike Henry, born 9 November 1951 at Elk City, Okla. He graduated from Elk City High School in June 1970 where he made an excellent record. He is presently attending Weatherford State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Clifton Henry owns and operates Henry's Grocery, 1031, West 5th Street, Elk City, Oklahoma. A few years ago, Louise retired from her kindergarten and is helping in the store at the present time. They are both active members of the First Baptist Church. Clifton is a deacon and Louise teaches in Sunday School and sings in the choir.

Charles Eugene Hay, son of Louise and Clouis Hay, married Patsy Ann Crabb, 27 November 1959 at Amarillo, Texas. She was born 21 October 1939 at Littlefield, Texas, the daughter of Hiram Ralph Crabb and Ruby Lee Brown. They have two sons: Brett Eugene, born 12 March 1962 at Amarillo, Texas, and Joe Mark, born 15 February 1967 in



Nancy Combs and John Cornett II. (About 1902)

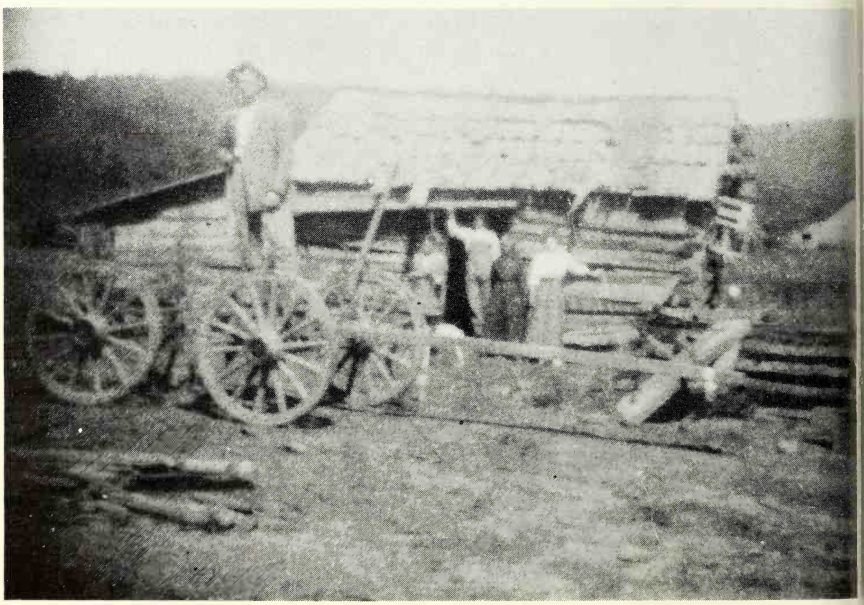
Nancy Combs Cornett at 86. (1920)

Sitting: Grover's Grandmother Combs and his Grandmother Cornett. Middle row: Essie, Uvalda, Emma, Aunt Mary Cornett. Back row: Orin, Oscar, Golda, Grover, all Cornetts. (Sept. 1914)

Bob and Florence Cornett. (Costume party, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif.) (1960)

Family of Winnie and John Cornett III. Standing: Grady, George, Winnie, Grover and Nancy. Sitting: John Cornett III, Mary on lap, Winnie's mother, Nancy Grigsby Combs. (Aug. 1900)

Alice Belle and T. O. Davis. (1953)



Log cabin on farm of John Cornett III where Grover was born at Dutton, Ark. (1914)

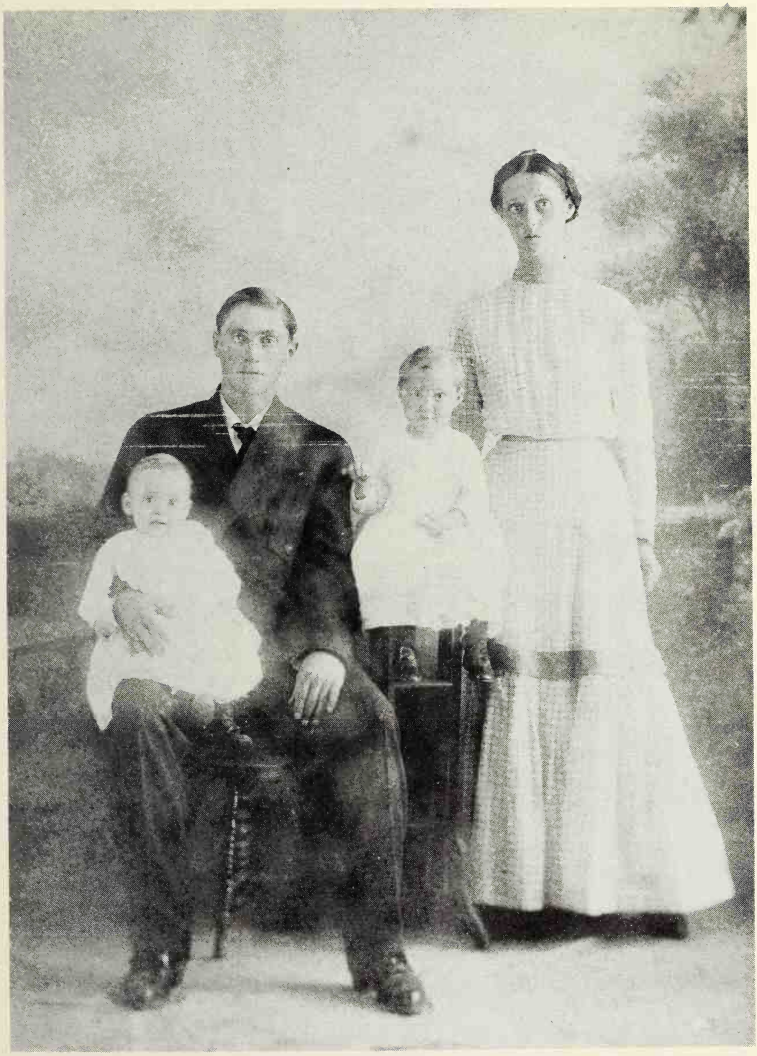
Frame house built in 1888 on farm of John Cornett III. (1914)

Old school house at Dutton, Ark., also used as Primitive Baptist Church. Built of logs in early days, later remodeled, now used as Community house. (Picture taken by Mildred Ratliff on Christmas Day, 1970.)

House built by Grover Cornett at Driftwood, Oklahoma. (May 1911)

Children of John Cornett III: Nancy Le Flore, Grady Cornett, Mary Ligon and Grover Cornett. (Family Reunion, Shawnee, Okla. June 1952.)

Grover and Essie Cornett, Dr. G. Alan West (pastor), his wife, Kitty, R. Orin and Lorene Cornett. (Golden Wedding reception given by the Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., June 18, 1961.)



Robert and Etta Cornett, Robbie Fern. (1912)

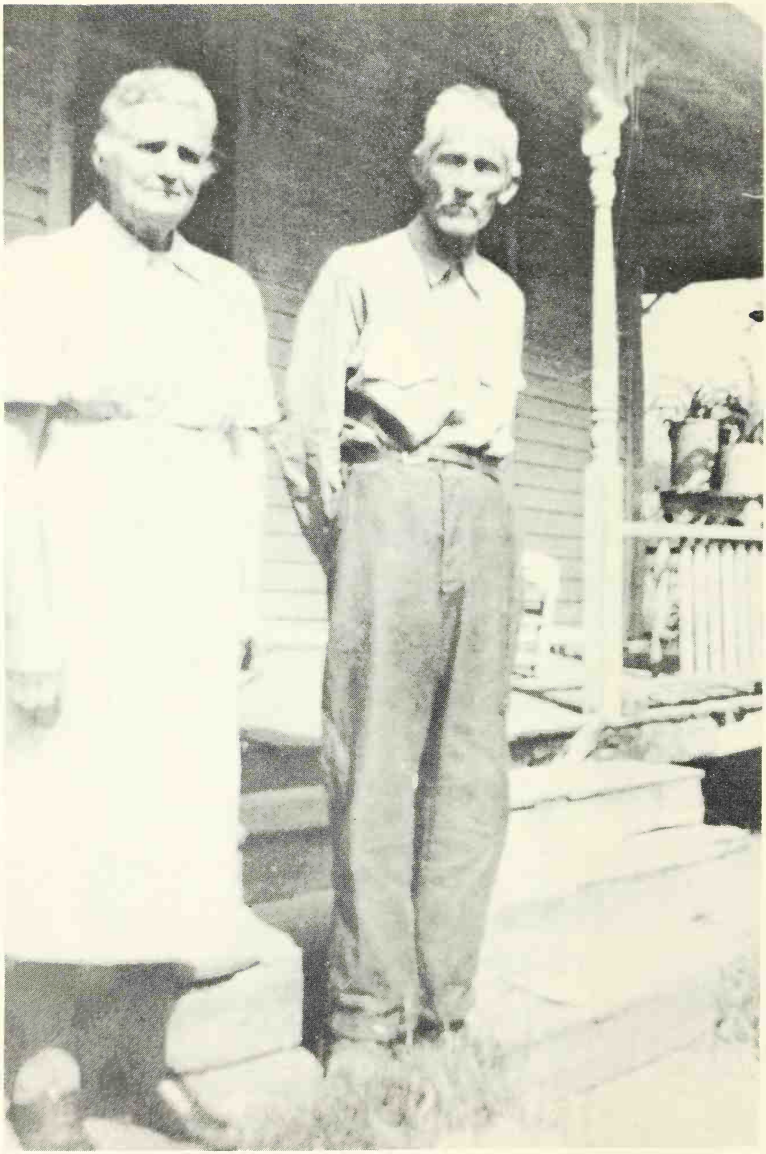
Families of Lauranie Cornett Williams and her brother, John Cornett III. Seated: Grady Cornett, Nancy Le Flore, Arthur Williams, Cora Hatcher, Clinton Williams and Henry Ligon. On floor: Sharon Kay Reynolds, Mary Ligon and Alice Williams. (1964)

Alsa Wist and her granddaughter, Patricia Rose Franklin Gray.

Etta and E. Lee Ayers. (Golden Wedding, October 8, 1961.)

Golda Fritts, Grover Cornett, Edith Nichols, Essie Cornett and J. Smith Miller. (At the J. Smith Miller home in Huntsville, Ark. 1952.)

Uvalda Cornett Misner, as she dressed for work at Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif.



Cordia and Robert Lee Cornett. About 1943

Oklahoma City, Okla. Eugene Hay is presently working as an insurance salesman in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Michael Le Flore, the youngest child of Nancy and Michael Le Flore, married Wallace W. Schaefer 29 May 1943 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was born 11 May 1916 at Des Plaines, Ill., the son of Harry Daniel Schaefer and Louise Mary Ritter.

Both grandparents of Wallace Schaefer were born on farms in the Des Plaines area and Wallace claims the distinction of always living within a block of his present home. He attended old Central Grammar School when it was called South Division. He was a guard and end on the Maine Township High School team which took the conference in 1934, and graduated in 1936.

Wallace went to work in the construction business with his uncle, Walter Schaefer, then worked for Triangle Electric Co. in Chicago until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 for a one-year hitch.

After basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Wallace was assigned to instruct a cadre which developed into the 19th corps, and was promoted to sergeant. The 19th corps was horse-drawn artillery outfit for the first 14 months of his service. A portion of the 19th corps was then motorized, and Sergeant Schaefer accompannied the motorized part to Europe. The outfit was attached to many different units at various times and took part in numerous battles with three different armies as a mobile artillery force. Sergeant Schaefer was discharged in 1945 with four and one half years service, his service period having been extended by the length of the war.

Before going overseas, while he was still stationed at Fort Sill, Wallace met Michael Le Flore, an Oklahoma girl, and they were married by the chaplain in a military wedding. Michael remained with her mother in Oklahoma City while Sergeant Schaefer was overseas.

After his discharge, Wallace and Michael went to Chicago and settled in their present home at 1653 Ave. Des Plaines,

Ill. They have two children: Richard Wallace, born 18 May 1947 at Chicago, Ill. and Nancy Louise, born 10 May 1952 at Evanston, Illinois.

Wallace Schaefer worked for Baxter Laboratories in Morton Grove as a machine operator for 10 years, then went to work for the city of Des Plaines. In 1966 he was appointed superintendent of sewers and water. The job involves supervising many outside inspections and the maintenance of sewers and water in Des Plains, and calls for a 14 man department. In 1970, Wallace Schaefer was promoted to Assistant Commissioner of Public Works of Des Plaines.

Wallace is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the American Legion bowling team. The family attends the United Church of Christ and are active members.

Richard Wallace Schaefer, the son of Michael and Wallace Schaefer, graduated from Main West High School in 1966. Then he worked for a local construction developer, Ickes-Braum Glasshouses, for a year or two. He has been with the General Finance Company in Skokie, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, for two years. He is presently Assistant Manager of the company.

Richard Schaefer married Helen Walker 13 June 1970, in the American Legion Hall in Des Plaines. She was born 15 March 1952 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Gilbert Walker and Imelda Delany. Rick and Helen drove to California for a two-week honeymoon, stopping in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for a day with Rick's cousin, Gene Hay, and his family. They also spent a day with his Aunt Louise Henry, and her family in Elk City, Oklahoma. They are happily settled in their apartment in Des Plains at the present time.

Nancy Louise, the daughter of Michael and Wallace Schaefer, graduated from Maine West High School in June, 1970. She has enrolled in a nearby Junior College, and is planning all her courses to lead to a degree in Dental Hygiene, in which she has lately become interested.

Mary Ellen Cornett, the youngest child of John and Winnie Cornett, born 3 March 1897 at Dutton, Arkansas, married John Henry Ligon 19 December 1917 at Watonga, Okla. He was born 9 September 1896 at Stevenwell, Texas, the son of John Ligon and Mary Sims. Their first child was a son born 21 March 1919 at Lubbuck, Texas. He died at birth. Two more sons were born to them: James Henry, born 13 March 1921 at Spur, Texas, and Donald Wayne, born 6 January of 1928 at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Henry and Mary Ligon moved to Elk City, Okla. the last of April, 1921, and he worked as engineer at the Henry Hunter Laundry for twenty-five years. In 1946, he started selling and installing water softeners and worked at that for two years. Henry worked at the Kelly Creamery in Elk City for the next four years. From 1953 to 1956 he was self-employed as a welder. Then his hands became very crippled with arthritis and he was forced to retire on account of ill health.

After retirement Henry and Mary moved to Alex, Okla. where Mary kept house for her brother, Grady, who operated a help-yourself laundry, and Henry kept the machines in order. Grady put in cleaning and pressing facilities and Mary helped with that and with the ironing. When Grady retired in 1965 and bought a cottage at Madill, Okla., they moved with him.

Mary had some serious heart trouble during the summer of 1969 and spent some time in the hospital. She improved but did not fully recover. Then in a sudden heart attack on 4 September 1970, Mary died. She was buried at Madill, Oklahoma.

James Henry Ligon, the son of Henry and Mary Ligon, first married Dorothy Howell. They had one son, Gary Douglas, and they were divorced. She kept the boy and soon remarried.

In 1954, James Henry married Viola Pearl Kent who was born 22 June 1933. They had two children: Sandra Lee, born 20 July 1955 at Hollywood, Fla., and Jimmy, born 31

July 1959 at Holly, Fla. They continued to live in Hollywood, Florida, and James Henry Ligon Jr. died there, suddenly, of a heart attack on 8 June 1968, and was buried in the Hollywood Cemetery.

Donald Wayne Ligon, the younger son of Henry and Mary Ligon, was born and went to school in Elk City, Okla. He joined the navy right out of high school, took his basic training in California, and was stationed in Washington, D.C. for six months before he was discharged. He then signed up for the reserves and spent some time attending Hill's Business College in Oklahoma City.

Donald Wayne married Barbara Ann Terrell 12 June 1949 at Blanchard, Okla. She is the daughter of Andrew Terrell and Winnie Potter, born 21 September 1931 at Blanchard, Okla. Two daughters were born to them: Donna Ann, born 3 July 1951, and Vicki Ellen, born 26 August 1953, both at Oklahoma City.

When the war with Korea broke out, Donald Wayne was called back into the navy. He was stationed in Japan for a year. His first daughter was born while he was in Japan. After the action in Korea subsided, and he was discharged Donald Wayne came back to work in Elk City at a cleaning and pressing establishment.

Donald Wayne and his family live in Norman, Oklahoma, at the present time where he is salesman for gourmet food products.

Donna Ann graduated from high school at Norman in 1969 and is presently taking training for kindergarten work. Vicki is a senior in high school.

Chapter IX

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

ELIJAH CORNETT

Elijah, the third son of John Cornett II and Nancy Combs, was born 7 November 1856 in Perry County, Ky. He moved with his parents to Dutton, Ark. in 1872. About the time he was 21, he filed on a homestead in the Ozark Mountains in Madison County near his father's farm.

In 1881, Elijah married Cynthia Ann Lynch at Dutton, Ark. They had ten children, all born at Dutton: Jesse, born 27 December 1883; Robert Lee, born 8 February 1885; Johnie, born in 1886, he died at the age of two; Alsa, born 24 December 1887; Nancy Marie, born 17 August 1891; Sarah, born 24 March 1893; Roy, born 24 March 1895; Floy, who was burned at the age of 4 years, and died as a result; Doyle, born 11 August 1899; and Emma, born 19 September 1901.

For several years, Elijah helped his father in the general store at Dutton. After his father's death in 1904, he was co-owner, with his brother, Robert E. Lee Cornett, in the store for several more years. Robert was also the Postmaster.

In 1905, Elijah's mother and young sister, Emma, moved into a small house in Dutton, and he moved his family into the big, log house on his father's farm. Cynthia Ann had died 25 October 1901 shortly after the birth of their little daughter Emma. Elijah married Ellen Phillips and they had two sons: Alvin Mulrine and Loy Elijah.

Elijah died 27 December 1918 during the flu epidemic.

His son, Doyle age 19, died six days before his father. They are both buried in the Dutton Cemetery near the Primitive Baptist Church.

Jesse Cornett, the first son of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett was reared on the farm near Dutton and attended the Primitive Baptist Church and the Dutton School. He married Ethel Callahan 17 January 1905. She was born in 1884. They had two sons and one daughter: Henry Ray, Shelly Egbun and Audia Madeline. The children all grew up at Dutton and attended the Dutton School.

After his father's death in 1918, Jesse Cornett began the operation of the Cornett General Merchandise Store which he continued to own and manage for 35 years. He built up the business during the time that the state highway was being built from Fayetteville up through Dutton and Pettigrew. During these years, the family was active in the Church of Christ at St. Paul. Jesse directed the singing in churches in Northwest Arkansas and at most of the singing conventions. He was also an elder and a Bible teacher in the church at St. Paul.

Henry Ray, the first son, married Edwina Green and moved to Garland, Texas in 1939 where their four children were born. They are: Harvey Joe, Tom Ray, Karen Elizabeth, and Donna.

Shelly, the second son, married Helen Rickets and moved to Garland, Texas in 1940 where four children were born to them: Shirley June, Daniel Ray, David Shelly and Dianne Sue.

After Henry Ray and his brother, Shelly, operated a used car lot in Garland, Texas for several years, Jesse Cornett sold the store at Dutton and, with his wife and daughter, moved to Garland in 1952. For a few years, Jesse joined his sons in the operation of the used car lot, then Henry Ray went into government work and Jesse retired. Shelly is still in the used car business.

Audia Madeline took business training in Arkansas and worked some years as a secretary there. Since the family

moved to Garland in 1952, she has worked for the Continental Motor Corp. as a secretary. After her mother's death 7 March 1966, Madeline continued to keep house for her father until his death 28 February 1968. They are buried in Garland Memorial Park Cemetery. Madeline lives alone in the same house and continues to work for the same company.

Harvey Joe, the older son of Henry Ray and Edwina Cornett, is married and lives in Georgia.

Tom Ray, the second son of Henry Ray and Edwina Cornett, is married and lives in Texas.

Karen Elizabeth, age 21, and Donna, age 17, are still at home.

Shirley June, the first child of Shelly and Helen Cornett, married C. T. Floyd. They have three girls: Linda age 17, Julie age 11, and Patricia age 8.

Daniel Ray, the second child of Shelly and Helen Cornett, is married and has four children: Daniel Jr., Bradley, Bryan and Stephen.

David Shelly, the third child of Shelly and Helen Cornett, married Martha Caugill and they have two children; Cheryl and David Wayne.

Dianne Sue, the fourth child of Shelly and Helen Cornett is married.

Robert Lee, the second child of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett, married Martha Etta McCown 15 December 1907. She was born in September 1889 at London, Ky., the daughter of Isaac Jackson McCown and Margaret Jane Phillips. They had five children. The first was Robbie Fern who was born 18 May 1909 while they lived on the farm near Dutton, Ark. In 1917, they moved to Barneston, Nebraska, where four more children were born to them; Harold Lee, born 29 October 1919; Launa June, born 16 September 1921; Glenda May, born 29 May 1923; Avis Elizabeth, born 14 March 1925.

Robert worked as Superintendent of the Power Company on Blue River until 1942, when they moved to Compton,

California where he worked in Douglas Aircraft until the end of World War II. Martha Etta worked there also. After the war, they moved to a small ranch near Romoland, California where Robert died 20 June 1948. Martha Etta lives alone in Riverside, California.

Robbie Fern, the first child of Robert and Etta Cornett, first married Gloyd H. Zook in 1929 and they had two children, both at Barneston, Nebraska; Richard Lee Zook, born 7 January 1931 and Suzanne Janet Zook, born 25 January 1933.

Robbie met Donald Dudley Johnson in Lincoln, Nebraska where she was working as a beauty operator. They were married 15 September 1938 at Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the son of Louis Johnson and Mabel McCarthy, and was born 28 March 1915 at Sandwich, Nebraska. The family soon moved to Long Beach, California where Richard and Janet went to school.

Donald is an electrical engineer presently working for Stanford University in Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. After traveling for some years, being sent to jobs in Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, British Columbia, Puget Sound and back to Denver, Colorado, he and Robbie find it a relief to be really settled 55 miles from San Francisco again. Robbie is a painter and they live at Menlo Park, California.

Richard Zook, the son of Robbie and Gloyd H. Zook, married Mary Ann Korea at Whitmore, Oklahoma in 1951, and they had two daughters; Carol Suzanne, and Debra Rene. Richard and Mary Ann were divorced and she has the girls. In the Korean War, he was in the First Air Wing and, after being in the United States Service for eleven years, he was given his discharge. Presently, he is working in the assembly line at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California.

Janet Zook, the daughter of Robbie and Gloyd H. Zook, married Robert Felix Anderson 4 February 1948, born 3 June 1929 in Argentina, S. A. They have two sons: Steven Arthur, born in April 1950, and Kurt Anderson, born 8

November 1956, both being born in Long Beach, California. Robert is self-employed. He owns and operates a filling station with the help of his son, Steve, who married Deborah King 11 July 1970. Janet raises Arabian horses. She and her son, Kurt, ride the horses in horse shows. Kurt is in the 8th grade at school, and is primarily interested in raising Angus Steers for the 4H Club. He has won several prizes. The family lives at Orange, California.

Harold Lee, the second child of Robert Lee and Martha Etta Cornett, married Norline M. Stronemer in 1942. They had three children: Robert Lee, born 20 June 1943 at Santa Monica, Calif.; Gary Allen, born 13 June 1944 at Santa Monica; Jeanne Ann, born 29 October 1946 at Liberty, Nebraska.

Harold lost his life in a boat accident in 1954. The children are all grown and married. Norline lives in Riverside, Calif. where she rents housing at the University of California to students.

Robert Lee, son of Harold Cornett, married Jennifer Watson of Scotland, 28 February 1970. They both work for a travel agency. Recently his job has taken him to Italy and Jamaica. They make their home at Riverside, California.

Gary Allen, the second son, married Sally Merritt in 1966. She was born in Texas in 1948. They have two children: Sherrie Ann, born in 1967 at Liberty, Mo., and Gary Allen Jr., born in February at Upland, California. They live in Riverside, California. Gary works for the telephone company and goes to Claremont College.

Jeanne Ann, the daughter, married Dennis Sedlacek, who was born in 1947 at Liberty, Nebraska. He is a farmer. They have two sons: Allen, born 29 October 1966 and the younger one, Christopher. The family lives on a farm near Liberty, Nebraska.

Launa June, the third child of Robert Lee and Martha Etta Cornett, married Carroll Thomas Ryan 23 June 1941 at Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the son of James Curran Ryan and Ella Catherine Schwensen and was born 29 August 1919

in Nebraska. They have six children, the first three being born at Long Beach, Calif.; Thomas Lee, born 5 April 1942; Timothy James, born 3 January 1944; Terry Stephen, born 3 November 1946; Theodore Michael, born 17 February 1948; at Los Angeles, California; Anthony Robert, born 8 April 1952 at Wichita, Kansas; Teresa-Anne Martha, born 10 April 1957, at Pomona, California.

Carroll Ryan graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1945. He is presently an electrical engineer at Lockheed Aircraft. Launa June has recently received her Real Estate License and is selling real estate near Oroville, Calif. where they have a summer home. They live in Santa Clara.

Thomas Lee, the first child of Launa June and Carroll Ryan, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and married Jeanne Schenk 13 June 1964. She is the daughter of Robert Schenk, born 1 August 1940 at Palo Alto, Calif. They have one son, Robert John Ryan, born 23 February 1967 at Oakland, Calif. Thomas Lee worked for a year as physicist in electronics at Berkeley, then the family moved to Winslow, Arizona for Robbie's health and to get away from the smog.

Timothy, the second child of Launa June and Carroll Ryan, graduated from the University at Santa Clara. He married Norma Sherk 10 April 1965 in Buffalo, New York. She was born 7 October 1942 in Buffalo. They have two children: Eric Thomas, born 29 December 1965 at Santa Clara, Calif. and Laura Jeane, born 3 May 1967 at Buffalo, N.Y. Timothy Ryan works in electronics in Buffalo, New York.

Terry, the third child of Laura June and Carroll Ryan, spent four years in the Air Force. He works for the Government Weather Bureau in Ely, Nevada.

Theodore Michael, the fourth child of Launa June and Carroll Ryan, graduated from the University of California recently and plans to go into the teaching profession.

Anthony Robert, the fifth child, entered the University of California in September 1970.

Theresa (Tammy), the sixth child, entered the eighth grade in September 1970.

Glenda May, the fourth child of Robert Lee and Martha Etta Cornett, taught two years in the public school of Barneston, Nebraska before the family moved to California, then taught in a one-room school near Romoland, not far from her father's ranch.

Glenda met Kenneth H. Smith while both were in the Navy in 1945. They both attended the University of Redlands California. Kenneth has a Master's Degree and Glenda a B.A. They were married 7 July 1946 at Las Vegas, Nevada. Two sons were born to them: Kenneth Eugene, born 26 October 1952, and James Michael, born 5 November 1956, both at Riverside, California.

Kenneth and Glenda May are both teachers—each has taught 17 years. Presently, Kenneth is teaching in the upper level (4 to 6) and Glenda May teaches second grade in the city schools of Riverside. Their son, Kenneth E. entered the 12th grade in September 1970, and the younger son, James M., entered the 8th grade in Riverside school.

Avis Elizabeth, the fifth child of Robert Lee and Martha Etta Cornett, married Robert Walters 6 September 1944 at Long Beach, California. He is the son of Robert L. Walters and Beatrice Manning. He was born 25 December 1919 at Baltimore, Maryland. They have two children: John Willard, born 10 July 1945 at Long Beach, Calif. and David Lee born 3 March 1953 at Ozark, Ala. Robert Walters retired from a career in the Air Force after 30 years service. He is presently a security guard in Riverside, California.

John Willard, the first son of Avis and Robert Walters, works for the Washington Inventory Co. in Riverside. He married Joan Rillin 5 August 1970.

David, the second son, is a senior in Riverside High School.

Alsa, the fourth child of Cynthia Ann and Elijah Cornett,

was born 24 December 1887 at Dutton, Arkansas. She was married 7 May 1905 to L. M. Wist. He was born at Dutton, 19 November 1885. They had five children: Azel, born 8 May 1906, died 27 May 1907; Irene, born 8 February 1908, died 6 April 1914; Paul, born 26 April 1910; Laromie, born 7 March 1912; Christine, born 1 September 1916.

Laromie Wist, the first daughter of Alsa and L. M. Wist to reach adulthood, married Bill Franklin 22 February 1934. They had two children, both born at Pettigrew, Arkansas; Jerry Lee, born 28 May 1935, and Patricia Rose, born 7 April 1947.

Laromie Wist Franklin died 16 March 1955.

Jerry Lee Franklin, the first child of Laromie and Bill Franklin, married Barbara Hawkins 28 July 1962. They have four children, all born in California; Kim, born 9 August 1956, an adopted daughter; Paul, born 29 May 1963; Tracy, born 5 June 1964; Leslie, born 14 April 1967. Jerry Lee and Barbara moved to the State of Washington where they now reside.

Patricia Rose is married and has three children: Mike, Richard and a little girl five years old.

Christine, the second child of Alsa and L. M. Wist, married Ralph Long of Dutton, Arkansas. They have two sons: Paul Lee, born 2 February 1938 and Roger Dale, born 17 July 1943.

Paul Wist, the son of Alsa and L. M. Wist, married Aili Misula, a girl from Finland 16 April 1953. They have no children.

The Wist family moved to California several years ago. L. M. Wist died 17 November 1940 at the age of 55. Alsa Wist has been confined to a wheelchair for many years but she lives alone at Apt. 11, 122 W. Florence, La Habra, California.

Nancy Marie, the fifth child of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett, was born 31 August 1891 at Dutton, Arkansas. She married Richard P. Ralston 3 May 1909 at Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born 19 August 1886 at Farmington,

Arkansas, the son of William H. Ralston and Fannie E. Phillips. They had seven children: Della Jane, born 14 February 1910 at Farmington; William C. born 28 September 1911 at Farmington; Earl Henry, born 26 December 1912 at Parsons, Kansas; Sara Elizabeth, born 26 October 1914, died 11 November 1918 at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Oras Roy, born 7 November 1918 at Fayetteville; Gerald Vernon, born 31 March 1920 at Fayetteville; Clophas Virginia, born 28 February 1926 at Spring Valley, Arkansas.

Richard and Nancy Ralston lived in Arkansas most of their married life. Richard farmed some but, most of the time, he worked at public work. He worked for Fulbright Wood Products for 32 years. They provided a wonderful Christian home for their children. They were always kind and helpful to neighbors and devoted to their church. They joined the Baptist church at Fayetteville in 1918. Richard P. Ralston died 5 October 1953 at Prairie Grove, Ark. and Nancy died 24 April 1965 at Fayetteville. Both are buried in Dowe's Chapel at Fayetteville.

Della Jane, the first child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, married Francis Raymond Bruce 5 November 1925 at Fayetteville. He is the son of Samuel Bruce and Mary Simmons, born 13 April 1907 at Mt. Vernon, Illinois. The first child of Francis and Della Bruce lived about three months, the next two were stillborn. They moved to Cane Hill, Ark. where they live on a farm at the present time.

William C. the second child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, married Ruth and they had one son, Robert. He married Loreen and they had one son, Billy Wayne. He married Doris and they had no children. He married Beverly, a widow, who had one daughter, Heidi.

William C. Ralston served in the Navy of the United States for the duration of World War I. William and Beverly live in California at the present time.

Earl Henry, the third child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, was in the infantry when he served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Ruby Vaughn in 1931.

They have four children: Herbert, Joy Lou, Earl Wayne, and Gary Don. The family is living in Fayetteville at the present time.

Oras Ray, the fifth child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, was in the Cavalry when he served in the army for the duration of World War II. He married Pearl and they had three children: Donald, Frances, and Roger. After his wife's death, Oras Ray married Lucille Sizemore and they have two boys, Billy Earl and Gerald Ray. The family moved to California several years ago.

Gerald, the sixth child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, was married twice, and moved to California about 20 years ago. He died there of a stomach ulcer 2 February 1970.

Clophas Virginia, the seventh child of Richard and Nancy Ralston, married Lewis B. Smith 21 December 1944 at Fayetteville, Ark. He is the son of James Ross Smith and Alice Barfield, born 7 September 1920. To them were born five children: Richard Ross, born 2 December 1945 at Fayetteville, Ark.; Michael Lewis, born 28 September 1947 at Floydale, Texas; Nancy Alice, born 28 December 1954 at Lockney, Texas; Nita Jane, born 9 November 1960 at Fayetteville. Ark.; Patrick Scott, born 31 March 1964 at Fayetteville.

Clophas and Lewis Smith live on a farm not far from Cane Hill in Northwest Arkansas. The main industry is raising chickens. It is not unusual for one farmer to have 100,000 chickens. Several hatcheries nearby afford work for many people in the community. It seems that most of the work in the area includes something to do with chickens. Raising fryers, processing the feed, canning and marketing all have a place in the progress of the community. Lewis B. Smith works for Campbell's Soup Company in a processing plant for chickens.

Northwest Arkansas is well known for its great orchards, especially the apple orchards. Nearly everyone in the vicinity of Cane Hills cans, freezes, and processes their own fruit,

and the apples are marketed in many parts of the United States.

There are several good fishing places in the area of Cane Hill; Beav-a-rawa Lake and Lake Sequoyah. Other fine places are White River and Beaver Lake. Lewis Smith and his son, Richard, often go fishing and catch some big ones—weighing 30 or more pounds.

Richard Ross, the first son of Clophas and Lewis B. Smith, married Linda Hale and they had one daughter, Julie Lynn, born 14 May 1967 at Fayetteville, Ark. He then married Connie Sturley 23 July 1969. Richard works in the office for Farm Cooperative, a feed processing plant at Cane Hill, Ark. and his wife, Connie, works for Tyson's Hatchery.

Michael Lewis, the second son of Clophas and Lewis B. Smith, died at the age of 18 years. He was working in a feed mill, fell into a boxcar of shelled corn, and suffocated before the workers could rescue him. It happened 26 April 1966.

Sarah Ann Cornett, the sixth child of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett, was born 24 March 1893 at Dutton, Arkansas. She married Henry Oliver Greenlee 28 July 1923. They soon moved to Carthage, Mo. where their two daughters were born; Elsie Lee, born 19 August 1929 and Nancy Olive, born 23 July 1931. The family moved to Blue Springs, Mo. Henry Oliver died a few years later in 1937.

Sarah reared the two girls alone. Nancy Olive graduated from high school at Blue Springs. She was married and divorced a few years ago and now lives at home with her mother. Sarah keeps house and Nancy works at Sears, Roebuck and Co. as a departmental supervisor.

Elsie Lee, the older daughter of Sarah and Henry Greenlee, married John Reese Parker 8 June 1947 at Blue Springs, Mo. He is the son of Stephen Parker and Nina Byrle Walker and was born 15 February 1922 at Blue Springs, Mo. They moved to Independence, Mo. where two sons were born to

them. John Reese Jr., born 11 December 1950 and James Douglas, born 25 December 1952.

After some years, Elsie Lee and John Parker were divorced. He married Dorothy Faye Marble and Elsie Lee married John T. Miller, a farmer, who has a farm near Blue Springs, Mo. Elsie Lee works in a delicatessen in town.

At the present time, John Reese Jr., the son of Elsie Lee and John Reese Sr. is in college. James Douglas, the second son, has finished high school and is ready for college. He is very interested in farm work, especially the care of animals. He helps his father on the farm and works for a neighboring farmer after school and during the summer.

Roy, the seventh child of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett, grew up on his father's farm near Dutton. He went to Burchard, Nebraska to live with his older brother, Robert, and his wife. In February 1921, he met a young school teacher at a school play. It was love at first sight and they were married 19 March 1921. She was Dollie Minnie Neilson, the daughter of Paul Bernard Neilson and Aleda C. Yarpe, born 17 October 1898 at Tate, Nebraska.

Roy and Dollie farmed for three years and two daughters were born to them: Geraldine, born 14 December 1921 at Bookwalter, Nebraska, and Genevieve, born 24 November 1923 at Burchard, Nebraska. They held an auction sale and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where Roy worked, first as a carpenter-helper, then as a tile-setter. Their third daughter, Imogene, was born at Lincoln 6 April 1926.

The job Roy landed installing freight and passenger elevators for Otis Elevator Co., meant moving from job to job which was hard on his family. In the spring of 1923, Roy left the Otis Elevator Co. to move to Ft. Collins, Colorado where he worked at various jobs until he became check clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad. Three sons were born to them in Ft. Collins; Roy Jr. born 9 December 1929, Loy Allen born 3 September 1931, and Donald Lee,

born 9 December 1933. A little girl, born 22 June 1935 at Twin Falls, Idaho, lived only 29 days.

Roy and Dollie struck out for California with their children in 1937, reaching the state 20 July 1937. Janeen R. was born 22 September 1937 at Maryville, California. That winter they were ravished by a flood. In Challenge, California, the ninth and last child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, Janyce M., was born 7 March 1942.

For a time, Roy worked at fruit harvesting but, after the flood of 1937, he became interested in landscaping. He was successful at landscaping and planting and worked at that for 26 years. Then he was forced to retire because of ill health in 1963. He had a severe heart attack followed by a major operation for the removal of eight inches of his colon. Then, in October 1967 his condition was diagnosed "cancer." He died 7 October 1968, and was buried in Marin Memorial Gardens Nowata, California. Dollie continues to live alone in their home in Nowata with her children and grandchildren dropping in to see her often. She spends time with them in their homes and goes on trips with them.

Geraldine, the first daughter of Roy and Dollie Cornett, married Eugene Edward Ames 20 August 1938 at Maryville, California. He was born 25 October 1912 in Louisiana, the son of William E. Ames. They had three children: Joanne, born 7 May 1940; Eugene Edward, born 24 August 1941, both at Maryville, California; and Richard, born 28 January 1944 at Sacramento, California.

Edward Ames worked for many years as a mechanic for McClellan Air Field. They were both active, he in the Lion's Club and Geraldine in the corresponding woman's organization, the FeLion's Club. They were sent as representatives to an international meeting of the Lions to Japan in 1969. Edward was forced to retire in January 1970 because of ill health, with cancer, and died 8 June 1970. He is buried in Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento. Geraldine still lives in their home in Elverta, near Sacramento, California. She works at the State Franchise Tax Board in Sacramento.

Joanne, the first child of Geraldine and Edward Ames, married Larry Shaeffer 5 June 1961. Two children were born to them; Katherine born 16 November 1962 at Oakland, California, and Kristine, born 9 September 1969 at San Leandro, California.

Edward Eugene, the second child of Geraldine and Edward Ames, married Evelyn Bird 11 November 1960. They have four children, all born in Sacramento; Kim, born 20 August 1961; Kent Eugene, born 17 December 1962; Terri Lynn, born 29 December 1963, and Kevin Eugene, born 28 June 1965.

Richard William Ames, the third child of Geraldine and Edward Ames, married Elizabeth Rosie. A son was born to them, Richard William Ames, Jr., born 10 November 1965. Richard William Ames Sr., died 23 August 1967.

Genevieve E., the second child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, married Toney Edward Manley 24 November 1942 at Santa Rosa, Calif. He is the son of William Edward Manley and Minerva Jane Ivy, and was born 30 December 1921. Toney's parents lived in Bentonville, Ark. and he played football for the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. They were married while Toney was serving in the Navy during World War II. They have three children: Toney Edward Jr., born 9 March 1943 at Santa Rosa, California; Thomas Byron, born 29 January 1945 at Santa Rosa, and Constance Blythe, born 7 January 1947 at Yuba City, Calif.

Genevieve and Toney Manley Sr. now live in Novata, Calif. where he works for the P. O. Delivery Department.

Toney Edward Jr., the first son of Genevieve and Toney Edward Manley Sr. married Margo Sothre and they have four children; Paul Richard, born at Seattle, Washington; John Mark Anthony, born at Tuttle, N.D.; Jo Ell Minnette, born at Tuttle; and Travis Earl, born 15 August 1969 in Jefferson City, Mo. Toney E. Jr. is in the Marines and has served overseas. He is presently serving as a recruiting officer and is stationed at Jefferson City, Mo.

Thomas Byron, the second son of Genevieve and Toney E. Manley Sr. married Pamela Kay Wooldridge and they have three children; Kandice Kay, born 9 August 1965 in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Tamara Sue, born in January 1967 at Bentonville, Ark.; and Rhonda Dee, born 5 December 1969 at Novato, California.

Constance Blythe, the third child of Genevieve and Toney E. Manley Sr., married Geary Wayne Wilson. They have one son; Geary Wayne II, born 1 April 1969 at Novato, California.

Imogene (Imy), the third child of Roy Dollie Cornett, married Theodore (Ted) A. Wigaard 13 July 1945. He was born 12 September 1921, the son of Andrew Wigaard and Esther Cammozzie. When Imogene was a little girl, she had polio which impaired her right side. However, she has overcome her handicap in a remarkable way and has been able to work for many years along with her husband at the Sunset Line and Twine Co. She keeps house and does beautiful crochet work in her spare time. They have no children.

Roy Cornett Jr., the fourth child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, served in the Army in Korea. He was in the thick of the fighting and received a Purple Heart for a shrapnel wound which he received. After he was discharged, Roy Jr. married Flora Elizabeth McCanse 13 November 1954 at Reno, Nevada. She is the daughter of Lee McCanse and Elizabeth Gray. She was born in Santa Rosa, California. They have four children—all born at Santa Rosa; Roy Cornett III, born 7 May 1956; Cheryl Flora, born 31 October 1958; Dawna Michelle, born 9 August; Denice Renee, born 30 June 1968. The family lives in Santa Rosa, Calif., where Roy Jr. is assistant forest ranger.

Loy Allen, the fifth child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, married Marilyn Lois Davey 9 September 1960 at Larkspur, California. She was born 1 April 1938 in San Francisco, the daughter of Corley John Davey and Erma Lourine Bishop.

They live in Novata, California where Loy is landscape foreman at the Civic Center in Marion County.

Donald Lee, the sixth child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, served in the Army with the police action in Korea and went to France, where he was in the fire department.

Donald Lee came home when his tour of duty was over and later married Jane Elizabeth Nobel Nelson, the daughter of Frank Croker Noble and Geraldine Maude Kelly. They were married 27 February 1961 at San Rafael, California. Jane was a widow with three little girls: Shelia Margaret, born 7 February 1949 at Washington, D.C.; Pamela Jo, born 14 June at Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Aletha Ray, born 3 December in Pisa, Italy. Jane also had one son, David Hadley Nelson, born 16 July 1953 at Arlington, Va. who lived only 13 days.

"Miss Shelia Cornett was crowned Miss Joaquin County of 1968. Shelia, a freshman at the University of the Pacific, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cornett of Novato, She is a graduate of Novato High School and will complete for the title of Miss California at Santa Cruz." (Excerpt from clipping from Novato paper).

Shelia was married to Leland Bryant Jones 3 October 1969.

Donald Lee Cornett works for the Clover Leaf Milk Company as a milkman. The family lives in Novato where the other girls attend school.

Janeen R., the eighth child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, married Russell Edward Walsh 9 May 1959 at Reno, Nevada. He is the son of Edward Joseph Walsh and Elsie Jordan, born 14 May 1937. They were married after he had served a tour of duty in the Korean action. They moved to San Francisco where they adopted Shawn Michael at birth on 26 March 1963. Then their daughter, Erin Michelle, was born 27 September 1965, and a son Terrance Edward was born 13 September 1968, both in San Francisco.

Janyce M. Cornett, the ninth child of Roy and Dollie Cornett, married James R. Grant 14 February 1962 at San

Anselmo, Calif. He is the son of James S. Grant and Anne M. Drolette, born in California. His grandparents moved from Arkansas to California when his father was quite young. Janyce and James Grant have two children: Dollie Elaine, born 11 August 1962, and Daniel James, born 29 November 1963, both at San Rafael, California in Marion County.

Emma Cornett, the tenth and youngest child of Elijah and Cynthia Ann Cornett, was born 19 September 1901 at Dutton, Ark. She married Emmett Melvin Dutton 4 July 1918 at Dutton, Ark. He is the son of George Melvin Dutton and Maybelle Gardner, and was born 20 October 1886 at Goshen, Ark. Emma and Emmett lived at Dutton, Arkansas, all their married life. Eight children were born to them, all at Dutton. They are:

(1) Melvin Martford, born 13 October 1919. He married Christina Hooper 21 December 1941. They live in California and they have one daughter, Cynthia Ann.
(2) Everett Ray Dutton, born 21 October 1922. He was killed in action, 7 July 1944 while serving in the Army of the United States during World War II.
(3) Wilma June, born 2 June 1926. She died in infancy 16 October 1927.
(4) Billie Jean, born 15 March 1929 married Bobby Gene Gilbson 20 April 1947. They live in Missouri, and have two children, Linda and John.
(5) Joe Alvin, born 25 November 1932 married Barbara Tennison 14 June 1957. They have one daughter, Valerie.
(6) Betty Joyce, born 7 March 1937, married Max Wayne Ayers 29 June 1957. They live at Charleston, Ark. and they have two children, Everett and Deborah.
(7) Arthur Clay, born 4 November 1939, married Rheta L. Haught 3 June 1961. They live in Missouri and have two children, Mary and David.
(8) Blanch Carolyn, born 22 December 1941 lives with

her father in Dutton, Ark. They still live in the same house where they were when Emma was postmistress at Dutton.

Emma May Dutton died of cancer 21 June 1964 after a long illness. She is buried in the old cemetery near the Primitive Baptist Church which she and her family attended and where her parents and grandparents and many other relatives are buried.

Alvin Mulrine, the first son of Elijah and Ellen Cornett, was married and had a family. They lived in Nebraska City, Nebraska in the nineteen-twenties when his half-brother, Roy and his wife, Dollie Cornett visited him.

There is no report on Loy Elijah (known as Loy), the second son.

Chapter X

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

LAURANIE CORNETT

Lauranie, the fifth child of Nancy and John Cornett II, was born at Hazard in Perry County, Kentucky on 2 October 1861, shortly before her father enlisted in the War Between the States. She was a small child when her parents moved to Arkansas and settled in Madison County.

Lauranie married Thomas Jefferson Williams 26 January 1881 at Dutton, Arkansas. He was born 5 February 1856 near Sneedville, Tenn., the son of William Riley and Leviny Williams. Their five children were born at St. Paul, Ark. in Madison County. They are: Arthur Lee, born 18 August 1882; Bertha, born 20 January 1886; Sherman, born 2 February 1888; Dewitt Clinton, born 17 December 1890; and Cora, born 11 December 1892. While the children were still small, they moved to Texas and settled on a farm near DeLeon, Texas where Lauranie died 7 October 1900.

On 2 March 1901, Thomas Jefferson Williams married Winnie Cornett, the widow of John Cornett III, in Madison County, Ark. She also had five young children. Thus, the ten cousins were united in one big family. Thomas J. and Winnie Williams had one son, Mark Hanna, born 28 February 1904. He contracted whooping cough and died 9 September 1905 at the age of 18 mos. (See the history of John Cornett Jr. in Chapter VII for further adventures of this family as they moved from place to place while the young people were growing up.)

After farming for several years in southern Oklahoma, T.

J. Williams was appointed Postmaster at Kenefic, Oklahoma in 1911. With the change in administration, the Democrats came into power in 1916, and T. J. lost his post office job. Then, they moved to Hitchcock, Oklahoma where T. J. worked as helper in the Rock Island Railroad Office for about four years. Winnie did sewing for the neighbors and earned some money that way. They moved to Okarche, Oklahoma where he started a shoe repair shop. After several years, he sold the shop and bought a shoe repair shop in Oklahoma City in order to be nearer his son, Clinton Williams. He built up a nice clientele and continued to repair shoes for many years. When he was a few years past eighty, he finally retired.

Thomas Jefferson Williams was ailing a long time and, in August 1947, he died. Winnie took care of her husband all through the years of his old age and, after he was gone, she felt so unneeded that her health began to fail. She lived only a little over a year longer, then she died 14 December 1948. They are both buried in Oklahoma City.

Arthur Lee, the first child of Lauranie and T. J. Williams, married Mary Lois Huff 17 December 1904 at Quitman, Texas. She was born 22 July 1879 at Sunfish, Ky., the daughter of James E. Huff and Elizabeth Durbin. They had three children: Grace Elizabeth, born 6 July 1905 at Calera, Okla. She died 29 December 1925. She had to spend a night in a hotel room in Dallas on her way back to college after the holidays, and her night clothes caught on fire. She died as a result of the burns; Raymond L., born 25 January 1908 at Kenific, Oklahoma; and Jewell Dean, born 19 July 1910 at Caddo, Oklahoma.

Arthur Lee Williams farmed in southern Oklahoma for eleven years. Then, in 1915 he moved to Texas to take a job in the Pipe Line Department, of what was then the Magnolia Petroleum Company. He worked at a pumping station on Harbor Island, a deep water port six miles across the bay from Aransas Pass. The company furnished Arthur with a boat so that he could go out any time a ship came in. Crude oil

was shipped in by barge from Tampico, Mexico. He unloaded it into storage tanks, and later pumped it into railroad tank cars and shipped it out by rail to refineries in Texas. Magnolia sold its holdings there to Atlantic Pipe Line Company in 1920, and Arthur was transferred to the Marketing Department.

In his new job, Arthur was made a traveling coast man with headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. He stayed with that job until he retired in 1947, because of ill health. While they were in San Antonio, Lois developed a heart condition that kept her an invalid for many years. She died 12 January 1954 and was buried at Aransas Pass. Arthur and Jewell moved to Pleasanton, Texas where they make their home at the present time.

Raymond Lee, the second child of Lois and Arthur Lee Williams, started working for Magnolia Petroleum Co. in 1931 as Assistant Field Maintenance Mechanic. In 1939, he was transferred to San Antonio as Field Material Mechanic for that district. In 1960, he was transferred to the Austin District in the same capacity. He will retire next year with forty years service with the company which is now known as Mobile Oil Corporation.

Raymond Lee Williams first married Lee Whitley who died at the birth of their first child 20 November 1938. They named her Ethel Lee and she was born at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Raymond married, the second time, Wilburn Lee Duff 5 December 1939 at San Marco, Texas. She was born 24 June 1913, the daughter of Lee Duff and Elizabeth Gary. They have two children: Sandra E., born 28 January 1943 and Raymond Meridith (Butch), born 5 August 1945. Both were born in San Antonio, Texas.

Jewell, the third child of Arthur and Lois Williams, attended an electronic school and worked for some time as a civilian radio technician with the Signal Corp at Kelly Air

Force Base in San Antonio. Then, when her mother became ill, Jewell had to stay at home to take care of her.

When Raymond's wife died, he gave his little daughter to Jewell and she reared the child as her own. Raymond and Wilburn still live in Austin, Texas.

Ethel Lee, Raymond's daughter, grew up in the home of her grandparents with her Aunt Jewell as her mother. She was 16 when her grandmother died.

Ethel Lee, the daughter of Raymond and Lee Williams married Douglas Ray Reynolds 23 November 1957 at Pleasanton, Texas. He was born 13 May 1936 at Kenedy, Texas, the son of Douglas B. Reynolds and Mildred Slater. They have five children: Nancy Lee, born 14 October 1958 at Falfurias, Texas; Judy Lynn, born 29 February 1960 at Jourdanton, Texas; Sharon Kay, born 8 February 1962 at Jourdanton, Texas; Mary Katherine, born 18 October 1963 at Refugio, Texas, and Deborah Ann, born 29 October 1965 at Refugio, Texas.

Douglas Ray Reynolds is a cementer for Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Co., one of the largest oil well servicing companies in the world. The family lives in Refugio, Texas, a beautiful old Spanish town. Jewell Williams owns a 30 ft. trailer which is set in Ethel Lee's yard and Arthur and Jewell spend much time there.

Sandra E., the daughter of Raymond and Wilburn Williams, married James Carl Wagner 26 May 1962 at Austin, Texas. He was born 3 January 1942, the son of Earnest and Estelle Wagner. They have one son, Christian James Wagner, born 30 November 1963 at Austin, Texas, Sandra married Gerald A. Saxon 25 January 1967. They live in Austin, Texas. Gerald is a fireman with the Austin Fire Department.

Raymond Meridith (Butch), the son of Wilburn and Raymond Lee Williams, was in the service with the Texas National Guard and received his basic training in Fort Ord, California.

Butch attended A. & M. University in Texas and is now Assistant Engineer for Bryant Currington Engineering Company of Austin, Texas. He is not married but he has bought a house in Austin.

Bertha, the second child of Lauranie and T. J. Williams was born 20 January 1886. She married Lon Cook, from Texas, and they had one son, Theodore Lee (Ted) Cook, born 5 February 1907 at Caddo, Oklahoma. Bertha's husband died when the baby was only a few weeks old and she went home to live with her parents. She married Tom Dillon 21 March 1909 at the triple wedding near Caddo in which her sister, Cora, and her step-brother, George Cornett, were also married.

Tom and Bertha settled on a farm in the neighborhood. Five children were born to them: Angie, Arville Thomas, Richard Clint, Ralph Ray (Bud), and Mary E.

(1) Angie Dillon, born at Caddo, married Stanton McCasland of Atoka, Oklahoma. They have three children, a girl and two boys, all married now, with children. Angie and Stanton McCasland moved to Crane, Texas some years ago.

(2) Arville Thomas (A.T.) Dillon was born at Caddo, Okla. He served in World War II. After he was discharged, he came home and married Lola Chastine of Altus, Okla. They have one daughter, Sharrian Lee, who is married to Mr. Ward. Sharrian Lee and Mr. Ward also have a daughter. Arville Thomas lives at 1814 E. Michigan Ave., Fresno, Calif.

(3) Richard Clint, born at Caddo, Okla., married Thelma Chastine at Altus, Okla. They have a daughter, Jeneane, who is married and has children. Richard Clint and Thelma Dillon also have a son, Richard (Richie), who is married and has a family. Richard Clint Dillon's present address is 2933 E. Fedora, Fresno, California.

(4) Ralph Ray (Bud) Dillon, born at Caddo, Okla., is married and lives in Altus, Okla. From his first marriage, he has a son, Tommic Ray. Then he married the second time and has four step-children by this marriage.
(5) Mary E. Dillon, born on a farm after the family moved to Altus, Oklahoma, married Russell E. Neff who is serving in the Army and stationed in Vietnam at the present time. Mary lives at 2349 Manning Ave. Columbus, Ga.

Sherman, the third child of Lauranie and T. J. Williams, was born 2 February 1888 at St. Paul, Arkansas. He moved with his parents to Texas and later to Okla. In 1910, Sherman married Pearl Pettita and moved to a farm a few miles from Kenific, Okla. Four children were born to them in that area; O'Neal Williams; Kenneth Williams, who was a fighter pilot in the Army during World War II, and was killed in action; Maxine Williams, who married William Hughes and moved to Houston, Texas; and Raymond Williams. Sherman Williams died in 1938 and was buried in the Oklahoma City Cemetery where his parents were later laid to rest.

Dewitt Clinton, the fourth child of Lauranie and T. J. Williams, was born 17 December 1890 at Dutton, Ark. He moved with his parents, first to Texas, later to Oklahoma. He came with them to Hitchcock, Okla. in the autumn of 1916 and worked for a year in the J. R. Raines Drug Store. Clinton joined the army in 1917 and served through World War II.

Clinton married Alice Michon 3 August 1918 at San Antonio, Texas while he was stationed there. She was born at Watonga, Okla. and is the daughter of Joseph Michon and Victorine Brevil. They have one son, Warren G. Williams, born 2 June 1921 at Watonga, Oklahoma.

Following his discharge from the army in 1919, Clinton and Alice moved to Elk City, Okla. where he became car

clerk for the Rock Island Railroad. He was soon transferred to the Oklahoma City office of the Rock Island where he worked until 1952. He was forced to retire on disability because of a stroke after 33 years service with the Rock Island.

Alice is a talented dressmaker. During the years, she built up a wonderful clientele in Oklahoma City. Recently ill health forced her to retire. Now she and Clinton have to content themselves by making trips to California every year to see their son, Warren, and his family.

Warren Williams, the son of Alice and Dewitt Clinton Williams, was born 2 June 1921 at Watonga, Okla. He grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated from high school there. He joined the Olivet Baptist Church where his grandparents were members.

In World War II, Warren served a tour of duty in the Marine Corps, in which he learned the trade of mechanic for diesel engines. He first married Ramona Elsie Kniffin and they moved to California where he worked at his trade. A few years later, he and Ramona were divorced.

Warren moved to Ventura, Calif. in 1952 to work for the Gem Equipment Company which was just starting. In 1954, he bought into the company and is presently serving as Vice President. The Gem Equipment Company is the authorized distributor of sales and service for diesel engines. In 1967, they added a second shop and office in Santa Maria.

Warren married Connie Lee Feyma 27 November 1965 at Ojai, Calif. She was born 29 September 1934, the daughter of Martin Klaus Feyma and Margaret Virginia Babb. Connie was a young widow with three children. Her first marriage was to George E. Talley and they had two children, Gordon Eugene Talley Jr., born 17 August 1953, and Carol Elaine Talley, born 25 August 1955. Her second marriage was to Paul K. Fraser and they had one child, Tamera Lynn Fraser, born 30 July 1962. Connie and Warren Williams have a daughter, Jennifer Alice, born 11 July 1966. All four children were born in Ventura, California.

Connie and Warren moved from Ventura to Ojai, California in 1966. Ojai is eleven miles from Ventura. Gordon is a junior in high school and majoring in art, and hoping for a scholarship in college. He is also interested in music, in his car and girls. Carol is a sophomore, taking a college prep course. Her hobbies are reading and skating. Tammy is interested in bugs and frogs. Jenny is "Dorable." The whole family is active in the Ojai Valley Community Church and in many civic activities. Warren and Connie love their family and their town.

Cora Williams, the fifth child of Lauranie and T. J. Williams, was born 11 December 1892 at St. Paul, Arkansas. She was married to Arville T. Hatcher 21 March 1909 in the triple wedding at the Turnbull school house near Caddo in Bryan County. He was the son of William Christopher Hatcher. They had five children, all born on a farm near Caddo, Okla.; Thomas William, born 30 December 1910; Susan Elizabeth, born 7 March 1913; John Morton (Jack), born 23 November 1917; Arville Timothy, born 13 January 1921. Arville and Cora farmed in that area for several years while their children were growing up. Arville died in 1937 at Tucson, Arizona. Cora lived in Claremore, Okla. for many years then moved to Dewey, Okla. where she lives alone across the street from her daughter, Susan, at the present time.

Thomas William, the first child of Cora and Arville Hatcher, married Cleo Madeline Withers in August 1931 at Kingman, Kansas. Cleo was the daughter of Bert Withers and May Green and was born 16 January 1914 at Cunningham, Kansas. Cleo and Thomas belong to the Baptist Church. Their first child, Thomas Lee, born in February 1932, died in infancy. They had seven more children, all at Pratt, Kansas.

(1) William Gene, born 27 November 1933, who married Shirley Williams 23 July 1952. They have three daughters, all born at Pratt, Kansas; Vicki Lynn Hatcher, born 2 November 1953; Sandra Jo Hatcher,

born 29 June 1956; Kay Dene Hatcher, born 5 November 1954. She died in infancy, 13 January 1955.

(2) Lila Mae and Leonard Lee Hatcher, twins, born 7 January 1936. Lila Mae married Kenneth Charles Allen 31 December 1954. They have three children, all born in Hutchinson, Kansas; Thomas Dean Allen, born 5 January 1956; Cynthia Ann Allen, born 1 June 1957; Robin Gay Allen, born 19 August 1965.

(3) Leonard Hatcher, the boy twin, married Estel Christine House 5 March 1955.

(4) Janice Irene Hatcher, born 26 February 1942, married Burnette Starke 20 January 1961. They had three children; Darla Kay, born 5 September 1961 at Pratt, Kansas; Burnette Starke Jr., born 16 July 1962 at Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Harvey Arthur, born 22 June 1963 at Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

(5) Jerry Dean Hatcher, born 26 February 1942, married Judy A. Countryman 4 February 1962. They have three children; Jerry Lee, born 17 March 1963 at Pratt, Kansas; Terry Dean, born 3 August 1964 at Pratt, Kansas; Tracy Lynn, born 16 June 1965 at Kingman, Kansas.

(6) Karen Sue Hatcher, born 28 July 1948, first married Sammy Wolfe and they had two girls, Lisa Lee Wolf born 14 April 1964 at Pratt, Kansas and Toni Renee Wolf, born 9 July 1965 at Pratt, Kansas. Karen Sue then married Larry L. Countryman and they have a son, Johnny Dean Countryman, born 13 March 1969 at Hutchinson, Kansas.

(7) Linda Lou, the youngest child of Thomas William (Bill) Hatcher and his wife. Linda Lou is sixteen years old and at home with her father. Cleo died 21 May 1966 at Wichita, Kansas and is buried at Cario, Kansas.

Susan Elizabeth, the second child of Cora and Arville Hatcher, born 7 March 1913, married Henry A. Standeford

21 December 1936 at Claremore, Okla. He is the son of Oscar Standeford and Letha Hemphill, and was born 9 December 1915 at Clelsea, Oklahoma.

Susan and Henry live in Dewey, Oklahoma, a short distance from their mother, Cora Hatcher.

June, the third child of Cora and Arville Hatcher, married Jess Ray Davis 8 June 1946. He was born 25 September, 1922 at Claremore, Oklahoma. They have four children:

(1) Jess Ray Davis Jr., born 2 February 1947.
(2) Bunny Sue Davis, born 28 March 1948. She married Carl Spurr 29 March 1969.
(3) Jan Travis Davis, born 27 April 1951, married Gary Taylor 23 February 1968.
(4) Jack Houston Davis, born 1 October 1955.

June and Jess Ray Davis Sr. live in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the present time.

John Morton (Jack) Hatcher, the fourth child of Cora and Arville Hatcher, served in the Army with the 75th Infantry Division during World War II. After the war was over, he elected to remain in service and make a career of the Army. He served for over 20 years, being stationed in many different places, including Germany, during that time, and attaining the rank of Captain. He retired in 1967.

Captain Hatcher married Marilyn Jo Moss 6 January 1951 at Raton, New Mexico. She is the daughter of Joseph Allen Moss and Lucy Goldsmith, born 4 November 1927 at Lincoln, Nebraska. They have two sons; Jay Alan Hatcher, born 10 October 1951 at Omaha, Nebraska and Thomas Jeffry Hatcher, born 25 September 1953 at Baumholder, Germany. Jack and Marilyn are both members of the Bethany Christian Church at Albuquerque, New Mexico where they make their home. Presently, both Jack and his wife are teaching school. Jay is a student at the University of New Mexico and Thomas is a student at Del Norte High School.

Arville Timothy (A. T.) Hatcher, the fifth child of Cora

and Arville Hatcher, served with the 45th Infantry Division of the United States Army in Europe during World War II.

After his discharge, Arville Timothy married Eunice G. Putnam 8 March 1947 at Independence, Kansas. She is the daughter of Robert P. Putnam and Georgia Blankenship. They moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where their three children were born. They are: Cynthia Ann, born 16 July 1950; Pamela Jane and her twin sister, Nancy Beth, were born 2 April 1954. The family lives at 3426 E. 40th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Chapter XI

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

ADALINE CORNETT II

Adaline, the sixth child of John Cornett II and his wife, Nancy Combs, was born 15 August 1864 in Perry County, Kentucky. She married Dewitt Clinton Kirby, a widower with five children, on 18 September 1887. He was born 19 September 1850. The names of Adaline's step-children were: William (Willie), born 17 March 1874 in Johnson County, Arkansas, married to Nellie Williams 21 March 1895. They had two sons—Aud was a teacher, and the second son, Jet, was assistant postmaster and also postmaster at Eufaula, Okla. for many years. William L. died in October 1931; Adeline's second step-child Lura, born 17 May 1877 married J. E. Garrett 21 March 1895. She died 24 December 1954; Adeline's third step-child, Tony, born 21 March 1880, married J. F. Johnson. She is still living; Adeline's fourth step-child, Noah, born 10 February 1882, died 25 May 1899; Adeline's fifth step-child, Callie, born 8 May 1885, married C. C. King 24 December 1911, and she is still living.

Adeline helped to rear all those step-children. To Dewitt Clinton and Adeline Kirby seven children were born; Ada Kirby, born 11 November 1888, who died in infancy; Nancy, born 11 August 1890; Etta, born 23 February 1893; Clinton E., born 15 May 1896; Alta, born 28 August 1898; Era, born 8 June 1902; and Trollie, born 2 May 1909, who died at birth. All of the above named children, except the last one, Trollie, were born in Johnson County, Arkansas, on a farm

near Jacobs, about 30 miles from Dutton. During the years, they visited with the relatives in Dutton occasionally.

Dewitt Clinton Kirby and his family moved to Oklahoma in 1907 when Era Kirby was five years old and Trollie, the baby who died at birth, was born at McClain, Oklahoma. They first lived at Wayne in the west central part of the state for two years, then moved to a farm near Eufaula, Oklahoma where they spent the remainder of their lives. Adeline died 17 May 1923 and Dewitt Clinton died 2 April 1938. They are buried at Lenna, Oklahoma.

Nancy Cale, the second child of Adeline and D. C. Kirby, married B. F. Hightower 8 September 1907 at Hunt, Arkansas. He was born 7 March 1886 in Johnson County, Arkansas, the son of W. F. Hightower and Eliza Floyd. They soon moved to Oklahoma and their four children were born; Eual, born 24 October 1908 at Wayne, Okla. He died 30 March 1931; Estril, born 31 May 1917 at Vivian, Okla.; Annetta Mae, born 8 July 1923 at Eufaula. Okla.; and Lois Marie, born 2 April 1931 at Vivian, Okla. The family lived for a few years on a farm near Purcell in McClain County then moved to Eufaula where they have lived for the past 61 years.

B. F. Hightower was a carpenter by trade and he worked at that along with his farming. He was forced to stop working because of ill health and is in a nursing home in Eufaula at the present time. Nancy is very crippled with arthritis but still tries to look after him.

Estril, the second child of Nancy and B. F. Hightower, attended school in Eufaula. He married Mildred Vaught in July 1939 at Okatah, Okla. She was the daughter of Walter Vaught and Margaret Ransom.

Estril went into the Navy in 1941 and served for three years during World War II aboard the U. S. Hector. After his return to civilian life, Estril got a job as car salesman and followed that work for the rest of his life. In 1961, Estril and his wife adopted a son, Benny Hightower, born in 1954. Then, in

1963, they adopted a two-year-old daughter, Lisa Hightower. Estril died 13 August 1964 at Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Aneta Mae, the third child of Nancy and B. F. Hightower, attended school in Eufaula. She first married a Mr. Vaught and they had one daughter, Jenny Lynn Vaught, born 11 July 1944 at Checotah, Oklahoma.

Anetta Mae then married Laymond Maddox 11 February 1947 at Van Buren, Ark. He was born 1 December 1913 at Ft. Gibson, Okla., the son of Henry Maddox and Ella Smith. They have one daughter, Mona Ann, born 27 July 1948 at Checotah, Oklahoma. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1948 where he has worked for Civil Service since 1950.

Laymond Maddox spent four years in the army of the United States during World War II. Three of those years were in Europe. Annetta Mae worked for a doctor for four years and has worked in several different hospitals in Oklahoma City.

Jenny Lynn Vaught married William F. Wynns 12 April 1963. They have one son, Archie.

Mona Ann Maddox married Stanley Clemonts 23 April 1968.

Lois Marie, the fourth child of Nancy and Benjamin Franklin Hightower, graduated from Hillcrest Medical Center School of Nursing at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1952. She married Leo Wesley Smithee' 7 October 1952 at Van Buren, Arkansas. He was born 9 August 1929 in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, the son of John Welsey Smithee' and Bessie Mae Rumsey. They had four children; Susan Ann, born 2 November 1955 in Oklahoma City, she died 8 September 1962; Benjamin Wesley, born 22 February 1960, also in Oklahoma City; Shane Leo, born 12 March 1966 at YoKota A.F.B. Japan; and Shannon Ann, born 7 March 1970 at Altus, Oklahoma.

Leo Wesley Smithee' joined the Air Force in 1951 and is

making a career of it. He is presently serving the United States in Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. Lois Marie Smithee' is presently the Assistant Director of Nursing Service at South Community Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Etta Kirby, the third child of Adaline and D. C. Kirby, married E. L. Ayers 8 October 1911. They moved to McIntosh County, Oklahoma soon after their marriage. Eight children were born to them; Leonard, born 23 December 1912 at Vivian, Oklahoma; Ila Mae, born 8 October 1914 at Raiford; Clinton, born 18 July 1916 at Vivian; J. D., born 1 December 1918 at Dewar; Odell, born 13 May 1920 at Dewar Chapel; Willidean, born 2 November 1924 at Dewar Chapel; Charles, born 26 May 1926 at Eufaula; Ralph, born 12 July 1928 at Vivian.

Etta and E. L. Ayers lived in and around Eufaula, Oklahoma for many years, and reared their family there. Since Lake Eufaula, the largest man-made lake in Oklahoma was built, Eufaula has become a great resort. Many people from Shawnee and other parts of the state have built vacation homes and mobile homes on the lake. The fishing and boating are delightful. Etta and E. L. Ayers moved to a house near the lake when he retired in 1965. Etta died 18 May 1968 and E. L. Ayers still lives there.

Leonard, the first child of Etta and E. L. Ayers, married Sarah Dunnegan and they have one son, Samuel Lee, who was born in Eufaula. They moved to California.

Ila Mae, the second child of Etta and E. L. Ayers, married Olen Brewer. They had four children, all born at Eufaula, Oklahoma.

(1) Joyce, born in 1933, who married William Creason and had one daughter, Vicki, born in 1954.
(2) Buddy Brewer, born in 1936, who married Jerri Flemming. They have a son, Wayne, born in 1957 and a daughter, Paula, born in 1960.
(3) Peggy Brewer, born in 1938, who married Sam Doyal.

They have two boys, Keith, born in 1958 and Kevin, born in 1961.

(4) Frankie, born in 1941, who married Ray Bredmeyer and has a son, Brent, born in 1959 and a daughter, Cindy, born in 1962.

Clinton Ayers, the third child of Etta and E. L. Ayers, married Jeanette Hopkins and they had a daughter, Carolyn, born in 1947 in Tulsa, Okla. Then they moved to Modesta, California where they had a son, Robert, born in 1957.

J. D. Ayers, the fourth child of E. L. and Etta Ayers, married Lessie Cantwell. They moved to Modesta, California where their four children were born.

(1) Daryl Lee, born in 1937, who married Laura and they have a son, Joel, born in 1969 at Phoenix, Arizona.

(2) Karen, born in 1940, who married Zane Clark. They have a daughter, Cindy.

(3) The twins, Arlene and Olene were born in 1944. Arline married Jim Isaacs and they have a daughter, Cindy, who was born in Modesta, California.

Odell Ayers, the fifth child of Etta and E. L. Ayers, was born 13 May 1920 at Dewar Chapel in McIntosh County, Oklahoma. There is no further record of him.

Willidean Ayers, the sixth child of E. L. and Etta Ayers, married Bogner Stubbs, the son of Joseph Loyd Stubbs and Paulyne Brown. He was born 2 March 1925 at Corsicana, Texas. They have two sons; Joseph Lee, born 1 July 1949 at Muskogee, Oklahoma and Bogner Owen, born 22 June 1955 at Venita, Oklahoma. Bogner and Willidean are both teachers in the public schools. Bogner coached football for sixteen years, but is presently working with tennis and baseball. He is the Physical Education Director in Corpus Christi High School. Their older son, Joseph Lee Stubbs, is a senior at

Texas Technology University in Lubbock, Texas and plans to be a teacher. Their second son, Bogner Owen, is a senior in high school and is especially interested in athletics.

Mrs. Bogner Stubbs is president of Theta Gamma chapter of Delta Gamma at the present time. This organization participates in a scholarship program and contributes to The Hearth and the American Cancer Society.

Charles, the seventh child of E. L. and Etta Ayers, was born 26 May 1926. He married Marilyn Towstad and they have three sons; Steve, born in 1949 at Colmar, Maryland; Ricky, born in 1952 in Colmar, Maryland; and Roger, born in 1959 in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Ralph Ayers, the eight child of E. L. and Etta Ayers, was born 12 July 1928. He married Genevieve Roundtree, daughter of John and Lillie Roundtree. They have a daughter, Alain, born in 1949 and a son, Bradley, born in 1952, both at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Clinton E. Kirby, the fourth child of Adeline and D. C. Kirby, married Sallie Mae Hammett 26 August 1917 at Eufaula, Oklahoma. She was born 29 July 1895 at Eufaula. They have one son, James Dixon, born 9 August 1921 at Eufaula.

Clinton and Sallie were both teachers. Sallie taught in the Eufaula County schools until they were married. Clinton was teaching in Draughan's Business College when they were married. They soon moved to Texas where Clinton was commercial teacher at Simmon's University in Abilene and Sallie was in some of his classes. They moved to Northeastern State Teachers College in Talequah, Oklahoma, where they both received degrees, and Clinton put in a Commercial Department in 1923. He had been head of the department for seven years when he was stricken by a stroke and totally disabled.

Clinton and Sallie moved to Tucumcari, New Mexico for his health in 1929. Sallie got a job teaching and was head of

the Commercial Department at San Jon for seven years. After being an invalid for more than ten years, Clinton died 13 December 1940 at Tucumcari, New Mexico. He was buried at Eufaula, Okla.

Sallie Kirby moved to Grady, New Mexico as Principal and Head of the Commercial Department. She held this position until she became crippled with arthritis in her arms and hands and was forced to resign. She then moved to Clovis, New Mexico where she lives at the present time.

James Dixon, the son of Sallie and Clinton Kirby, married Esther Loretta Cameron 7 April 1943. She was born at Grady, New Mexico, the daughter of Worthy Cameron and Laura Enlow. They have three daughters; Carolyn Sue, born 17 February 1944; Mary Beth, born 10 April 1945; and Nancy Jane, born 13 June 1948. They were all born at Nevada, Mo.

James Dixon Kirby was in the army for eight years. He served during World War II as a paratrooper, Airborne Division, and was promoted to Captain 25 November 1946. He received a B.A. degree from Oklahoma University 4 June 1951 at Norman, Oklahoma and a M.A. degree from North Texas State College at Denton, Texas.

Dixon and Esther live in Los Angeles where he is teaching at the present time. Esther is secretary and office manager for a law firm. Nancy, the youngest daughter, is living with her parents and attending a junior college in Los Angeles.

Carolyn Sue, the first child of Esther and Dixon Kirby, married Douglas C. Odom 28 March 1964. They have two sons, Scott Kirby Odom age 6 years, and Steve Odom age 2 years.

Carolyn Sue received a B.A. degree in history at North Texas State College at Denton 29 January 1967, and an M.A. degree later at the same college. She is presently teaching Western Civics and working on a Ph.D. degree at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Douglas received his B.A. degree from N. T. S. C. at Denton.

Mary Beth, the second daughter of Esther and Dixon Kirby,

married Michael Gene Bernard, 5 June 1965. They have one child, Kelly Beth, age 2.

Mary Beth received a B.A. degree from North Texas State College in English at Denton, Texas. She is working on her M.A. degree at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas where her husband is an instructor and also working on a Ph.D. degree. Michael Gene received his B.A. degree at Texas Tech. in Lubbock, Texas and his M.A. degree at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Mary Alta, the fifth child of Adaline and Dewitt Clinton Kirby, first married Ray King and they had one son, Vernon King, born 28 August 1917 at Eufaula, Oklahoma. Alta then married Henry M. Rath 3 August 1924 at Eufaula, Oklahoma. He is the son of John Rath and Lou Gage, born 1 December 1888 at Ozark, Ark. Alta and Henry Rath moved to McLean, Texas where their two children were born; J. D., born 24 April 1924 and Betty Lou, born 12 December 1921. The children are grown and married now. Henry and Alta continue to live in their home in McLean, Texas.

Vernon Arnold King, the son of Alta and Ray King, served a tour of duty in World War II. After his discharge, Vernon married Peggy Greer 21 April 1950. She is the daughter of N. H. Greer and Lizzy Waller, and was born 30 September 1923 at McLean, Texas. They have one son, Ray King, born 9 October 1958 at Shamrock, Texas.

J. D. Rath, the first child of Alta and Henry Rath, served in the army during World War II. He married Myra Meredith at Pampa, Texas. She was born 19 July 1928 at Lefarse, Texas, the daughter of Walter Meredith and Mary Kennedy. They have three children, all born at Pampa; Jay Lynn, born 3 July 1947; Joe D., born 19 Novmber 1949; John Henry, born 2 September 1944.

Jay Lynn Rath is presently attending Baylor University at Waco, Texas.

Betty Lou Rath, the daughter of Alta and Henry M. Rath, married Kenneth Lee Bruton and they had three sons; Kenneth Lee Jr., born 9 February 1948 at Amarillo, Texas;

Jerry Don, born 11 September 1950 at Amarillo, Texas; Joe Henry, born 25 April 1952 at Pampa, Texas.

Betty Lou's second marriage was to Billie Ray Wicker 31 December 1959 at McLean, Texas. He is the son of Burnice C. Wicker and Jessie Pearl Koen. He was born 3 August 1931 in Mills County, Texas. They have one daughter, Cynthia Ann Wicker, born 19 February 1962 at Shamrock, Texas.

Kenneth Lee Jr., the first son of Betty Lou and Kenneth Lee Bruton, Sr. graduated from Texas West State College at Canyon in the spring of 1970.

Jerry Don, the second son, is attending Texas Tech. University in Lubbock, Texas.

Era Kirby, the sixth child of Adaline and Dewitt Clinton Kirby, attended school in Eufaula, Oklahoma. She married Wilford H. Reaves 13 January 1925 at Eufaula. He is the son of Thomas Reaves and Eva Stumbaugh, born 20 January 1895 at Clarksville, Ark. They have one son, James D. Reaves, born 23 August 1925 at Vivian, Oklahoma.

Era and Wilford Reaves live on a ranch in eastern Oklahoma near Eufaula. He is a rancher-farmer, and has owned and operated the ranch for many years, raising his own feed and produce, and breeding his cattle. Wilford has been semi-retired for two or three years. Recently, he sold the cattle and is fully retired. They are both active members of the Baptist Church at Vivian which is a small town near Eufaula. Era has taught a class of women in Sunday School for many years.

James D. Reaves, the son of Era and Wilford Reaves, graduated from high school at Eufaula, and attended Oklahoma State College at Stillwater, Okla. He took time out from college to enlist in the United States Air Force in 1943. He served a tour of duty during World War II. After his discharge, he went back to college and received his degree in 1961.

James D. Reaves married Joan Little 12 June 1965. She was born 1 May 1933 at Memphis, Tenn. They adopted a

baby boy, Matthew Dean Reaves, born 25 August 1969 at Memphis, Tenn. He is a joy to his grandparents.

James D. Reaves is presently head of the Fiber Laboratory with the United States Department of Agriculture, Cotton Division, which is located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Chapter XII

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

ROBERT EDWARD LEE CORNETT

Robert E. Lee Cornett, the seventh child of John Cornett II and Nancy Combs, was born 23 August 1865 in Perry County, Ky. He moved with his parents to Dutton, Ark. in 1872. He filed on a homestead containing 160 acres about three miles from Dutton, where he built a log house and established his residence. Bob Cornett married Cordelia Odom 14 October 1893. Salona Cordelia Odom was the daughter of Basil Osborn Odom and Jemina Odom. They had ten children. With the exception of Kelly and Eunice, they were all born on the farm near Dutton. The ten are: Myrtle, born 14 September 1894; Boyd, born 19 February 1896; Bessie, born 18 January 1898; Kelly, born 15 March 1900; Eunice, born 13 December 1901; Flora, born 3 September 1903; Lloyd Harvey, born 22 September 1905; Lester Earl, born 7 November 1907, who died at the age of nineteen months, 7 July 1909; Esse, born 20 June 1910; and Jessie, born 27 January 1913.

Robert E. Lee helped his father in the General Merchandise Store at Dutton and, after his father's death in 1904, he and his brother, Elijah, were co-partners. Robert was postmaster and manager of the store for years. He sold the store to a nephew, Jesse Cornett, in 1917, and bought a general merchantile store at St. Paul, Ark., which he operated for seventeen years with the help of his son-in-law, Cleve Johnston.

After his retirement, Robert Cornett raised garden and kept up his small acreage near St. Paul. He had a fine

orchard. He and Aunt Cordelia canned fruit and vegetables to use and to give to the neighbors.

Everyone remembers Uncle Bob as the kindest most cheerful man in the world. When we, his nephew, Grover Cornett and wife, visited him in St. Paul, after his children were married and away, he met us in the yard. "How are you, Uncle Bob?" asked Grover.

"Oh, I'm just gruntin' around," Uncle Bob answered cheerfully. "Your Aunt Cordie is so busy helping all our children get their babies, she hardly has time to take care of me any more." Then he took us inside to show us a cellar full of canned fruit and vegetables.

"What are you going to do with all this?" I asked.

"We always can a lot for our children and the neighbors," he answered. "We have a big garden and lots of fruit trees."

The last time we visited Uncle Bob was in August 1941. He was sitting under a tree in the yard churning with a hand dasher as we drove away. He waved to us with his usual smile.

Robert E. Lee Cornett died 1 March 1944 at St. Paul and was buried there in Brashear Cemetery. Aunt Cordie lived in St. Paul by herself for a few years, then moved to Fayetteville to be with her daughter, Bessie Cornett. She died 7 May 1963 and was buried at St. Paul.

"Uncle Bob," as he was affectionately called by his many friends, was loved by all who knew him. The following are some excerpts from a tribute written by Curtis R. Swain of Newport, Ark. and published in the *Madison County Record* at Huntsville, Arkansas, shortly after the death of our beloved Uncle Bob.

> "As far back as I can remember, I have known 'Uncle Bob' Cornett. During all the years I knew him, which were more than thirty, he did not change. The only thing that I noticed being different about Uncle Bob the last time I saw him was that he seemed tired. That was all.
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> My first impression of 'Uncle Bob' was that he

was unusually kind. The first time I walked into his store at Dutton, Ark. he got up out of his chair and said 'Honey, what do you want?' I hadn't gone into the store for anything. We lived close to his store and I had just walked off from the house unnoticed and wandered into the store. When he called me honey and asked me what I wanted, I felt that 'Uncle Bob' was a pretty good fellow and that made me bold enough, at the age of four, to ask my first favor of Uncle Bob and I said, 'Will you give me some candy?' He supplied the candy and, although my parents didn't know it, I wandered into 'Uncle Bob's' store daily until I got so big that I was ashamed, and never once did I fail to get the candy.

" 'Uncle Bob' sold the Chicago Blade and Ledger, or rather kept a supply of them for a few of the folk who would come in and get them when they came to the post office which was in the store. One day I asked him to let me sell the Blade and Ledger. He did, and then he helped me make out the reports and showed me how much profit I had made. That was my first job.

After 'Uncle Bob' left Dutton and moved to St. Paul, I didn't see him often. I graduated from school and decided to teach. He went to a lot of trouble to help me get my license straightened out and to get a school. . . .

'Uncle Bob' was one of the few men I have known that never harmed anyone; never misled or misinformed a living soul; never asked a favor for himself, and never refused one to others that was in his power to grant. Morally, he was as perfect as any man I ever knew.

Words are empty, I know, and I never did know what to say to anyone bereaved, but 'Uncle Bob's'

family has my deepest sympathy in having suffered so great a loss.

CURTIS R. SWAIM.

Newport, Ark., March 22 1944."

Myrtle, the first child of Robert E. Lee and Cordelia Cornett, married James Cleveland Johnston (Cleve) 5 September 1915 at St. Paul, Ark. He is the son of James Johnston Sr. and Nannie Langley, and was born 26 December 1892 at Mulberry, Ark. They have four children, all born at St. Paul, Ark.; Rhea Juanita, born 3 June 1916; Viola Kathleen, born 11 November 1918; James C. Jr., born 31 January 1925; Ralph E., born 5 January 1928.

Cleve and his father-in-law, Robert Cornett, operated a general merchantile store at St. Paul for seventeen years. Later, Cleve worked out of Huntsville, Ark. as a caseworker for the Welfare Department, and, still later, as a salesman for the Carroll Burial Association.

The family moved to Oklahoma City, Okla. July 1942 and Cleve worked for the United States engineers at Tinker Airforce Base about two years. Then he worked at Montgomery Ward's from 1944 until he retired in 1964. He still continues to work part time.

The family is active in the Kelham Ave. Baptist Church. Cleve is a deacon, and has served as Sunday School Superintendent for the adult department for several years. Cleve received his 50 year Masonic pin in 1968 with lifetime membership dues paid in full. Cleve and Myrtle live at 616 N.W. 48th St. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rhea Juanita, the first child of Cleve and Myrtle Johnston, was valedictorian of her class when she graduated from St. Paul High School. She married Otis Baker 29 May 1939 at Longview, Texas.

Otis Baker worked at Douglas Aircraft in Tulsa for many years and then transferred to Oklahoma City. Later, he worked at Tinker Airforce Base. He now has a disability retirement from civil service. Juanita is a Kardex operator for a wholesale automotive firm in Oklahoma City.

Viola Kathleen, the second daughter of Cleve and Myrtle Johnston, married Charley Williams 1 February 1941 at Tulsa, Okla. They had three children: Patricia Ann, born 26 October 1941 and died 5 November 1941; Sharon Kay, born 13 September 1947; Beverly Jo, born 10 May 1951.

Charley Williams served in the 45th Division, Co. C., 157th Infantry, from 17 February 1941 to 3 June 1945, when he received an honorable discharge as Staff Sergeant. He was in the Oklahoma National Guard from 18 September 1946 to 7 March 1948, and in the Airforce Reserves from 6 April 1950 to 5 April 1953 when he was discharged as a T/Sgt. Charley served in the European Theatre during World War II, and received a Purple Heart, an Oakleaf Cluster and two Bronze Stars.

Presently, Charley is working at Tinker Airforce Base in the production control division where he has a G.S. 9 rating with 28 years service. Kathleen has worked for 15 years in the office at Blue Ribbon Auto Supply and Warehouse Distribution of Oklahoma City.

Sharon Kay, the older daughter of Kathleen and Charley Williams graduated from Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City and attended airline school in Kansas City. She has a Reservationist Diploma, and is presently working at C.I.T. Corp. in Oklahoma City. Sharon married Danny Robertson of Oklahoma City 14 June 1969. He is presently in the Marine Corp stationed at Cam Le Jeune, N. C.

Beverly Jo, the younger daughter, is starting her junior year at Oklahoma University at Norman, Oklahoma. She is majoring in speech and hearing therapy.

James Cleveland Johnston Jr., the third child of Cleve and Myrtle Johnston, was valedictorian of his graduating class

from St. Paul High School in Arkansas. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II from 1942 through 1946. James Jr. married Virginia Peeler 7 July 1948 at Guthrie, Okla. They now reside in Atlanta, Georgia where he is Regional Sales Manager of Whirlpool Corporation with territory in the S.E. part of the United States. James and Virginia have three children; Gloria Dianne, born 2 June 1949; James Stephen, born 28 May 1951; and Joy Susan. born 2 September 1957.

Gloria Dianne was married 21 June 1970 to Harold Amick of Greensboro, S. C. They plan to attend Clemson College this fall where he will get his Master's Degree in computer science.

James Stephen is a sophomore in college in Atlanta, Ga.

Joy Sue is in the 8th grade and she has won some blue ribbons riding horses as a hobby.

Robert Earl, the fourth child of Cleve and Myrtle Johnston, was in the National Honor Society while he was in N. E. High School in Oklahoma City where he graduated. He served in the United States Coast Guard in 1945 and 1946, and in the Navy Reserves for eight years. He married Virginia L. Miller 30 August 1950. They have two daughters; Jeanette Marie, born 17 November 1960 and Connie Ann, born 13 December 1962. Robert Earl and Virginia both work at Warehouse Distributing Inc., an automotive warehouse. in Oklahoma City.

Boyd Cornett, the second child of Robert Lee and Cordia Cornett, married Golda Wymer, daughter of Carey C. Wymer and Grace Tweedy, on 25 December 1915 at Saint Paul, Ark. She was born 21 September 1900 at Pettigrew, Ark. They had five children, all born at Saint Paul in Madison County, Ark.; Deloris Geraldine, born 19 December 1916; Geneva, born 3 September 1918; Marie Marguerite, born 7 April 1920; Robert Carey, born 4 July 1926; Vernon Boyd, born 23 July 1929.

During the years the children were growing up, Boyd

farmed at Riverside, a little community two miles east of Saint Paul. After the three girls were married, Boyd, Golda and their two sons moved to California in 1936. They stayed about a year. Golda was ill, and lived only four days after their return. She died 28 July 1937 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery.

In 1952, Boyd returned to Buena Park, California to work at Knott's Berry Farm. He worked there for ten years, retired in 1962, and moved back to Arkansas. In 1967, he bought the farm near Saint Paul that his father, Bob Cornett, owned for many years. Boyd's son, Vernon and his family live on the farm with him at the present time.

Delores Geraldine, the first child of Boyd and Golda Cornett, first married Lewis Waldo Johnson, a Marine who was stationed at San Diego, Calif. in 1943. While she was in California, she joined the Baptist Church at La Habra on 8 July 1945. She is presently a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church at Saint Paul, Ark.

Geraldine married Jessie Calvin Petree 26 September 1950 at Durham, Ark. He is the son of George Washington Petree and Myrtle Lewis, born 25 May 1917 at Saint Paul. They have one daughter, Janelle, born 9 April 1952 at Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Jessie C. Petree entered the United States Army 5 June 1941. He was Technical Sergeant, Company C., 168th Infantry, served during World War II, and received many decorations. After almost ten years of service, he was retired as a disabled veteran 31 January 1950. Twenty years later, he works some at carpentering when he is able, and keeps busy helping Geraldine with cooking and housework.

Geraldine is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and has taught for 37 years in the schools of Madison County. She began at the age of 16, and taught at Cross Creek, Kings River, and Venus, and most of the time at Saint Paul.

Janelle, the daughter of Geraldine and J. C. Petree, was valedictorian of her graduating class at Saint Paul High

School with a grade point average of 3.97. She is presently attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.

Geneva, the second child of Boyd and Golda Cornett, married William Cleveland Abner 22 December 1935 at Saint Paul, Arkansas. He was born 21 June 1914, the son of John Preston Abner and Julia Hibbard of Saint Paul. They have two daughters; Willeta Faye, born 21 November 1937 at Santa Maria, Calif., and Laveda Mae, born 30 December 1939 at Orange, California.

Geneva and William Abner live in Uniontown, Arkansas where he works in a factory that makes tools and tool boxes as well as several other products.

Willeta Faye, the first daughter of Geneva and William C. Abner, married Robert Gene Keeter 18 June 1954 at Norwall, California. He was born 21 September 1930 at Westville, Okla., the son of Omer Floyd Keeter and Lizzie Wilkie. They have four children: William Floyd, born 15 November 1955; Bradley Robert, born 2 November 1957; Nick Anthony, born 12 December 1962; and Kimberly Cornett, born 3 September 1967. The children were all born at Whittier, Calif. in Los Angeles County.

Laveda Mae, the second daughter of Geneva and William C. Abner, married Walter Allan Gilbert Jr. and they had three children: Frankie Jean Gilbert, born 25 September 1957 at Whittier, Calif.; Kellie Lynn Gilbert, born 21 Sept. 1960 at San Bernardino, Calif.; and Michael Allan Gilbert, born 27 August 1962 also at San Bernardino.

Laveda Mae then married Frederick William Fraley 1 August 1969 at Van Buren, Ark. He was born 31 August 1945 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the son of Hershel Gordon Fraley and Fern Eva Strong.

Marie Marguerite, the third child of Boyd and Golda Cornett married James David Bryant 24 September 1935 at Saint Paul, Ark. He was born 25 August 1911 at Dutton,

Ark., the son of William Burnam Bryant and Elizabeth Ada Jones. They had six children, the first four at Saint Paul. Their first child, a girl, born 19 January 1937, died at birth; Arlie Clayton, born 13 June 1939; Clifford Eugene, born 16 October 1942, died 22 October 1942; Carolyn Kay, born 15 November 1943; Carmel Lee, born 22 April 1947 at Fayetteville, Ark.; and Clarice Jane, born 5 January 1954 at Fullerton, California.

Arlie Clayton, the first child of Marguerite and James David Bryant to reach adulthood, married Glenda Rae Williams 20 June 1956 at Kingman, Arizona. She is the daughter of Glen Williams, born 7 October 1936 in Kansas. They have two children: Lynn Marie, born 11 August 1956, and Clayton James, born 1 June 1961. Both were born at Whittier, California.

Carolyn Kay, the third child of Marguerite and J. D. Bryant, married Donald Kay Pinkerton 15 November 1959 at Norwalk, California. He is the son of John Douglas Pinkerton and Leona Swift, born 28 July 1941 at Brea, Calif. They have two children: James Douglas, born 5 May 1961 at Fontana, Calif.; and Deborah Kay, born 1 April 1964 at Fullerton, California.

Carmel Lee, the fourth child of Marguerite and J. D. Bryant, married Charles Wayne Ferguson and they had one son, David Wayne Ferguson, born 16 May 1964 at Whittier, California. Carmel Lee's second marriage was to Don Morton Eddy, and they had a son, Michael Allen Eddy, born 22 July 1967 at Whittier. He lived only two days. Carmel Lee's third marriage was to Jess Kattich 6 June 1970 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born 28 August 1941 in California.

Clarice Jane, the fifth child of Marguerite and J. D. Bryant, married Curtis Mike Workman 4 May 1970 at Van Buren, Ark. He was born at Van Buren, 13 March 1948, the son of Thomas Lee Workman and Agnes Irene Tucker.

Robert Carey, the fourth child of Boyd and Golda Cornett, first married Fern Parker; then, in 1947, he married Bernettie Crail. He and Bernettie had a daughter, Twila Jean Cornett, born 22 August 1946 in California. Twila Jean married William Patrick Burns and they had two girls: Frankie Jeannine, born 12 June 1965, and Kim Marie, born 14 April 1967. Both girls were born in Orange, California.

Robert Carey Cornett's third marriage was to Willa Ruth Abplanalph, the daughter of Wilton B. Abplanalph and Ruth Whitney. She was born 5 February 1932 at Anaheim, California.

Robert Carey and Willa Jean Cornett have two sons: Wilton Allan, born 30 January 1952 at Fullerton Calif. and Jeffrey Robert, born 28 April 1955 at Santa Ana, California.

Wilton (Al) Cornett, the older son of Willa Jean and Robert Carey Cornett, graduated from Western High School in Anaheim, California in June 1970, and received a scholarship to Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. He has lettered in varsity football for three years and was the first recipient of the Lee Kibbelink Memorial football award. He received a double ruby for high school speech and debate, the highest speakers award presented nationally. During his senior year, Wilton served as president of the Honor Society and as Forensic League President. In addition to the Harvard scholarship, he received a scholarship to Claremont College.

Wilton is presently enrolled as a freshman at Harvard University.

Vernon Boyd, the fifth child of Boyd and Golda Cornett, was born 23 July 1929, which was his Grandfather Cornett's 62nd birthday. He first married Ruby Bryant and later married Joyce Gale Smith on 19 April 1958 at Norwalk, California. Joyce was born 27 June 1936 at Saint Paul, Ark., the daughter of George Lee Smith and Lillian Bryant. They have three sons: Daryl Lee, born 8 November 1958 at

Orange, California; Robert Boyd, born 8 August 1964 at Van Buren, Ark.; and George William, born 28 July 1965, also at Van Buren.

Vernon Boyd Cornett and his family live on the old farm place, near St. Paul, where his grandfather lived for many years.

Bessie Cornett, the third child of Cordelia and Robert Lee Cornett, attended elementary school at Dutton, Ark. and at St. Paul. She went to high school at Conway, Ark. which was also a State Teachers College at that time.

Bessie took the County Teacher's examinations and received certificates which entitled her to teach. She taught during the winter months and went to high school in the summer. She entered the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and, following the same procedure, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1956.

During this time, Bessie taught forty-eight years in the schools of Madison, Johnson and Washington Counties. Most of the time was spent teaching all eight grades in the country schools. However, she taught second grade at St. Paul for 16 years and liked that work very much. Bessie retired in 1964.

Some years after her father's death in 1944, Bessie's mother came to live with her where she was teaching in Washington County, not far from Fayetteville. Cordelia died there 7 May 1963 and was buried at St. Paul beside her husband.

Bessie Cornett now lives in Fayetteville, Ark. with her brother, Esse. They bought a nice house together about three miles from the business district but still within the city limits. She keeps house and stays busy with her yard and garden and doing the things she has not had time for during her busy years of teaching. Esse has always worked. He had retired but is presently planning on going to work again before long.

Kelly, the fourth child of Robert and Cordelia Cornett, married Bertie Carolyn Brashear 25 April 1925 at St. Paul, Ark. She was born 29 July 1904 at St. Paul, the daughter of

William Benjamin Brashear and Maud Carolyn Gentry. They moved to Portland, Oregon where their first child, Salona Carolyn, was born 2 October 1926.

About a year later, Kelly and Bertie came back to St. Paul and three more children were born to them: William Robert, born 9 July 1928. He died 24 April 1935 at the age of six; Retha Marilyn, born 30 November 1931; and James Kelly, born 28 April 1934.

Since Kelly was a registered pharmacist, he bought and operated a drug store at St. Paul for several years. His store burned and he put a drug store upstairs in his father's General Merchantile store for awhile. Then Kelly went to Huntsville, Ark. to work as a pharmacist in Coger's Drug Store about 1936.

When Homer Adkin was elected Governor of Arkansas in 1941, he appointed Kelly Cornett as an auditor in the Municipal Audit Division. The family moved to Fayetteville in September 1941. Salona and Retha both graduated from the University of Arkansas. And James Kelly graduated from West High School.

In 1951, while Kelly was managing a chain of drug stores (Soner's Drug Co.), he and Bertie moved to San Antonio, Texas. Kelly also managed and served as pharmacist at one of the company stores on Broadway Ave. James Kelly took his pre-med training at Trinity University at that time.

When Kelly was appointed as State Comptroller for the State of Arkansas, in 1955, Bertie and Kelly moved to Little Rock, Arkansas. Kelly held that position until his death 19 January 1959. He was buried in Brashear Cemetery at St. Paul, Arkansas.

Bertie is presently working in the Auditor of State Office, a position she has had for 13 years. Her title is pre-audit clerk. She lives alone in her home at 6306 Ridgecrest Drive.

Salona Carolyn, the first child of Kelly and Bertie Cornett, married Robert R. Wachs 6 August 1949 at Fayetteville, Ark. He was born 26 January 1923, at Winona, Minnesota, the

son of Herbert Wachs and Betty Bernatz. They have three sons; Robert Richard Jr., born 17 December 1951 at Fayetteville, Arkansas; David Michael, born 20 February 1954 at Kansas City, Kansas; and Steven Gregg, born 18 June 1959 at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The family lives in Aberdeen, S. D., where Robert R. Wachs is basketball coach at Northern State University. He has been named "Coach of the Year." The three sons all play football, basketball and baseball. The family belongs to the Methodist Church, and Selona is very busy with church, P.T.A., study clubs and college affairs. Robert Richard Jr. is presently attending Northern State College in Aberdeen.

Retha Marilyn, the third child of Kelly and Bertie Cornett, married Warren Donald Vanderslice 5 April 1953 at Fayetteville, Ark. He was born 28 April 1929 at Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Warren Bozzel Vanderslice and Octavia Rachel Turnage. They have four children: Eric Warren, born 31 May 1958; Reng Kelly, born 3 September 1960; Kimberly Lynn, born 8 November 1961; and Marc Donald, born 22 April 1963. All were born in Jefferson City, Mo. where the family lives at the present time.

Warren Donald Vanderslice is an engineer with the Missouri Highway Department. He graduated from the University of Arkansas about 17 years ago and has worked for the Highway Department since that time.

The family belongs to the Methodist Church and, though Retha is busy with her home and children, she still finds time for church, P.T.A., and club work.

James Kelly, the son of Kelly and Bertie Cornett, graduated from high school in Fayetteville and took his pre-med work at Trinity University at San Antonio, Texas. He went to Tulane University in New Orleans and received his Doctor of Medicine Degree in June 1959. Dr. Cornett interned at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock.

While a pre-med student in San Antonio, James Kelly met

Margaret Elder Bennett, the daughter of Eaton Wesley Bennett and Margaret Louise Ogden, born 7 October 1934 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They were married 30 December 1956 when James Kelly was in his second year of Medical School at Tulane. They have five children, all born in Little Rock, Ark.; Elisa Louise, born 30 December 1960; Kyle Mark, born 28 September 1962; Michael Kelly, born 16 September 1963; Elaine Marie, born 10 June 1965; and James Kevin, born 1 October 1968.

A dream of a good nursing home was in the mind of Dr. James Kelly Cornett as he built up a private practice in Little Rock. And finally, that dream began to materialize. The family, consisting of Dr. Cornett, his two sisters, Salona Wachs and Rutha Vanderslice, and his mother, Bertie Cornett, formed a corporation to build a nursing home. It was built in 1967 on a 5 acre plot at 10905 W. Markham.

The Fountainbleau, Inc. is a 75 bed unit—a beautiful, modern nursing home with everything of the finest quality, including an art gallery that is a conversation place in itself. The Home has two intensive care units with nursing attendants present at all times for those patients who require constant attention. A complete nursing staff is maintained and a professional administrator directs all services. The facilities are open to all practicing physicians. Dr. James Kelly Cornett is the resident physician and the backbone of the staff. He has kept his private practice in Little Rock with Dr. John Stotts, also a general practitioner with whom he has been associated for ten years. Dr. Stotts serves as consultant for the Home.

Eunice, the fifth child of Robert and Cordelia Cornett, married Bert Milligan 25 December 1920 at St. Paul, Ark. He was the son of William Franklin Milligan and Martha Elizabeth Keck, born 24 December at Whittier, Ark. They have seven children, all born at St. Paul in Madison County. Faye Cordelia, born 12 June 1921; Gwendolyn Elizabeth, born 10 October 1923; Maurice Leon, born 7 March 1926; Frieda Chrystal, born 30 June 1928; Rhea Burnelle, born 28

April 1933; Marilyn Joanne, born 10 October 1935; and Felix Burton, born 15 July 1940.

Eunice and Bert Milligan farmed for a year and a half, then moved to St. Paul where Bert worked as a surveyor and built highways. He was really a farmer at heart so they bought some mountain land between St. Paul and Huntsville, and raised beans commercially. Gradually, they went into the broiler business continuing with that until Bert's death 8 February 1959. He was buried in Brashear Cemetery, two miles from St. Paul.

On 26 July 1960, Eunice Cornett Milligan married Levi Hibbard and moved to Uniontown, a small town about 70 miles from St. Paul. It is in a pasture country and most of the people raise cattle though some raise tomatoes, melons, peaches, etc. for cash crops. Levi Hibbard died recently and Eunice continues to live at Uniontown. She keeps busy with her garden and housework.

Faye Cordelia, the first child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, married Martin John Cosgrove 12 October 1942. They live in Fayetteville, Ark. where she works in a photo shop.

Gwendolyn Elizabeth, the second child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, married Robert Glen Bivins 2 September 1940 at St. Paul. He is the son of George William Bivins and Ida Prater, born 29 March 1920 at St. Paul. They have three children, all born at St. Paul. They are: Carol Jean, born 11 September 1941; Robert Gerald, born 19 April 1944; and Harold Eugene, born 21 November 1945.

Carol Jean Bivins married Jerry Simmons 8 April 1961 at St. Paul. He is the son of Lloyd Simmons and Julia Arbuckle and was born 14 March 1941 at St. Paul. They have three children, all born at Ozark, Ark.: Jerry Davis, born 27 January 1962; and the twins—Terry Ray and Janet Kay, born 20 March 1964.

Robert Gerald Bivins married Diana Widener 1 February 1968 and Harold Eugene Bivins married Carolyn Brandenburg 4 October 1965.

Gwendolyn and Robert Glen Bivins live at St. Paul at the present time, where they run a small grocery store, a garage and filling station.

Maurice Leon, the third child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, served in the Navy during World War II, and was sent overseas. He received a head wound from shrapnel while performing some act of bravery while he was on the U.S.S. Vincennes for which he received stars. After returning home, Maurice married Anna Ruth Reynolds 30 June 1951. They moved to Chicago, Ill. where he is a foreman of Berns Mfg. Co. at this time.

Maurice and Anna Ruth have three children, all born in Chicago, Ill.: Karen Lyn, born 26 April 1952; Debra Anne, born 27 November 1955; and Patricia Ruth, born 5 May 1958.

Frieda Chrystal, the fourth child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, married Arthur Victor Shipp 1 August 1948. They live on a farm and raise broilers, usually 30,000 at a time. They have no children.

Rhae Burnelle, the fifth child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, graduated from high school at St. Paul and attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark. for two years. There, she met a young lawyer, Ralph Custer Murray, whom she married in July, 1951. They have three children: Michael Ralph, born 18 April 1952 at Memphis, Tennessee; Steven Clay, born 19 May 1958 at Little Rock, Ark., and Todd Hughes, born 17 April 1965 at Tupelo, Mississippi.

Rhea and Ralph Murray live at West Helena, Ark. near the Mississippi River at the present time. He is a practicing lawyer.

Marilyn Joanne, the sixth child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, married John Edward Paszkiet 5 October 1957. They have two sons, both born in Chicago, Illinois; Mark Edward,

born 10 November 1958, and Jeffry Michael, born 18 October 1961.

Joanne and John Edward Paszkiet live in Chicago, Illinois where he works for a firm that sells car parts.

Felix Burton, the seventh and youngest child of Eunice and Bert Milligan, married Mary Alice Glass in November 1962. He was taken into the army soon after his marriage, and was stationed in Germany for most of his tour of duty. Mary Alice lived with his parents, Eunice and Levi Hibbard, during the time Felix was away.

Felix and Mary Alice Milligan are presently living on a small ranch near St. Paul, Arkansas.

Flora, the sixth child of Robert and Cordelia Cornett, attended high school at Conway, Ark. She began teaching in public school at 16 years of age. Flora married Jasper Newton Hawkins in February 1927 at St. Paul. He is the son of William Edward Hawkins and Rachel Witt and was born 4 July 1902 at St. Paul, Ark. They moved to Huntsville, Arkansas where their two children were born: Bobbie Winifred, born 21 July 1929 and Ronald Cornett Hawkins, born 10 January 1935.

In August 1944, Jasper and Flora moved to Fayetteville, Ark. and Flora continued to teach. She entered the University of Arkansas in 1946, and went on teaching in winter while attending summer school and on Saturday. She received her B. A. Degree in 1953. Because salaries were better in New Mexico, they moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico, that same year.

Two years later, Flora returned to the University of Arkansas for her M.A. Degree in Education. She has taught 4th grade in Alamogordo for 18 years and plans to retire in one more year. Flora taught 31 years in Arkansas.

Jasper Hawkins retired from his barbering work three years ago because of ill health and they plan to move back to Arkansas when Flora retires in 1971.

Bobbie Winifred, the first child of Flora and Jasper Hawkins, first married David Hal Ralston, a paratrooper in the army, in 1944. They were married at Ft. Benning where he was stationed before going to Germany. Two children were born to them—both at Fayetteville, Ark.: Susan E. Ralston, born 12 October 1946 and Michael D. Ralston, born 15 November 1947.

Winifred and David were divorced in 1948 and the maternal grandparents took care of the two babies. When David returned from Germany and was discharged, he went to Blythe, California where he bought a jewelry store. The children didn't see their father until they were grown.

Winifred taught high school English at Granette, Ark. and attended college in Iowa City, Iowa. Then she went to Alamogordo, New Mexico where she taught 6th grade in the public school, later returning to the University of Arkansas to get a M.A. degree, in 1954. She also attended college in New York City and studied French in Paris.

Winifred married Dr. Reed Gwillim Law in New York in 1961. He is the son of Harry N. Law and Bessie Gwillim and was born 19 January 1921 at Hartford, Conn. They have three children: Zachary Law, born 12 July 1962 at Fayetteville, Ark.; Zebulon Law, born 12 September 1963 at Fayetteville; and Bronwyn Law, born 14 April 1968 at Huntington, New York.

Winifred Law is presently Assistant Dean of Women at Dowling College at Oakdale, L. I., New York.

Dr. Law is Professor of French and other languages at C. W. Post College in Northport, Long Island.

Ronald Cornett Hawkins, the second child of Flora and Jasper Hawkins, attended the University of Arkansas and lacked only 20 hours on his degree in music when he decided to take his band, which he had previously organized, to Canada. He intended to return for his degree but he married a Canadian girl instead. Ronald married Wanda Irene Nagurski 16 March 1962 at Toronto, Ontario. She is the

daughter of Walter Nagurski and Angela Iwanec. She was born 28 December 1940 at Toronto, Ontario. They have three children, all born in Toronto: Ronnie Christopher, born 19 March 1963; Robin Royal, born 24 December 1964; and Leah Rachel, born 30 July 1969.

Ronald has made several recordings. He works as an entertainer with the Ronald Hawkins Enterprises Limited, Ontario. The family lives at 4198 Mississauga Rd., Streetsville, Ontario.

Susan and Michael Ralston, the two children of Winifred and David Ralston, attended a different high school every year, but Susan always managed to be an honor student. They attended one year in Tripoli where their step-father, Dr. Law, was teaching English to English teachers.

Susan attended the University of Arkansas for two and one-half years where she continued as an honor student. She finished her B.A. Degree in Newport, Long Island at C. W. Post College where her step-father was professor of French. Susan completed her M.A. Degree in 1970 and plans to teach second grade at their home school at Oakdale, L. I. where her half-brother will be in his second year.

Michael Ralston stayed with his grandparents and graduated from high school in Alamogordo, New Mexico. He has recently returned to the United States after finishing a tour of duty in the army, stationed in Germany.

Lloyd Harvey Cornett, the seventh child of Robert and Cordelia Cornett, married Edna Lee Walker 9 August 1927 at Boynton, Okla. She was born 11 February 1905 at St. Paul, Ark. the daughter of William Lee Walker and Della Boyles. They lived in Arkansas the first two years where Lloyd taught school, then moved to Oklahoma in 1929. Their son, Lloyd Harvey Jr. was born 29 August 1930 at Seminole, Oklahoma.

While living in Seminole, Lloyd attended a Masonic Banquet at which Grover Cornett of Shawnee, Okla. was intro-

duced. The two were cousins, both born at Dutton, Ark., and they had not seen each other since Lloyd was nine years old. Lloyd took the New York Rite, including the Shrine, in Masonic work but has been inactive for the last 20 years.

Lloyd Cornett worked for the Pure Transportation Co. for 34 years. First, as a line-walker then, after several promotions, he was Assistant District Superintendent for 26 years. They moved to Madill, Okla. in 1958 and he retired in 1965. A year later, he had a severe heart attack.

Presently, Lloyd and Edna Cornett are living in Madill, Oklahoma in a lovely home surrounded by a beautiful yard full of lovely trees and flowers.

Lloyd Harvey Cornett, Jr. graduated from high school at Paul Valley in 1947, and from Oklahoma University at Norman, Okla. with a B. A. Degree in 1951. Lloyd married Rosemary Lou Axtell 10 November 1951. She was born 14 March 1930 at Guthrie, Oklahoma, the daughter of Enos Leroy Axtell and Ila Rowell. They have four children: Lloyd H. Cornett III, born 27 October 1952 at Oceanside, California; Rosemary Lynn, born 24 November 1954 at Oklahoma City, Okla.; Carlton Wayne, born 15 February 1961 at Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Curtis Lee, born 24 November 1962 at Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Lloyd Jr. served in the Marine Corps as an officer for two years with duty stations at Paris Island, S. C., Quantico, Va., and Oceanside, Calif. He came home and enrolled at Oklahoma University and received a Master's Degree in history in 1954.

In 1955, Lloyd Cornett Jr. began his career as an Air Force Historian at Headquarters Second Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La. After two years, he went to Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado. One year later he became historian for both the North American Air Defense Command and the Continental Air Defense Command at Ent, serving in this position for three years.

Lloyd Cornett Jr. has been historian for the Missile Devel-

opment Center at Alamogordo, New Mexico since 1961. In January 1970, he was presented an award for Meritorious Civilian Service at a staff meeting. The award is for the period from May 1961 to December 1968. The citation accompanying the award reads in part, "Despite limited resources, Lloyd H. Cornett Jr. created an aggressive historical program which provided sound management decisions as well as orientation. His outstanding devotion and accomplishments reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Air Force Systems Command."

Lloyd is a member of the Technical Committee on History of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, a position which he has held for two years. The family moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico in March of 1962. In September 1970, they were moved again, this time to Albuquerque, New Mexico. They have bought a new home and plan to move into it shortly.

Lloyd Harvey Cornett III graduated from high school in Alamogordo in 1970 with high honors and is presently attending Arizona University at Tempe.

Esse O. Cornett, the ninth child of Cordelia and Robert Lee Cornett, married Maxie Brashears 30 June 1929 at St. Paul, Ark. She was born 15 March 1913, at St. Paul, the daughter of C. K. and Pearl Brashears. They have three children: Harvey Ray, born 21 August 1930 at St. Paul; Esse Kimbrew, born 28 January 1938 at Harmony, Ark.; and Cordia Jane, born 27 June 1940 at Harmony.

Esse and Maxie Cornett farmed in Johnson County while the children were growing up. Then he worked at the University Experiment Station in Fayetteville for twenty years. He is presently living with his sister, Bessie, in Fayetteville. He is planning to work again real soon.

Harvey Ray, the first child of Esse O. and Maxie Cornett, married Carol Burley who was born 11 November 1934. They have six children; Carolyn, born 21 September 1953;

Denice, born 20 November 1954; Harvey Ray, born 2 December 1955; Donald R., born 27 July 1958; Steven A., born 29 January 1962; and Gregory Lynn, born 20 January 1963.

Esse Kimbrew, the second child of Esse O. and Maxie Cornett, married Melvina Arlene Evans. She was born 3 March 1937 at Boston, Ark. They have six children: Clifford Ray, born 26 March 1957 in France; Charles David, born 11 April 1959 in France; Carl Esse, born 20 June 1960 in Georgia; Teressa Arlene, born 7 February 1962 at Fayetteville; Sharon Ann, born 12 January 1964 in Germany; and Patricia Faye, born 27 February 1965 in Germany.

Esse Kimbrew Cornett is making a career of the army. He has been stationed in many places, including France, Germany and a year in Vietnam. He is scheduled to return to Vietnam in February. His family plans to spend that time in Salina, Kansas. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri at the present time.

Cordelia Jane, the third child of Esse O. and Maxie Cornett, married Leo F. Fisher, born 3 June 1941. They have five children: Virginia Ann, born 4 June 1957 at Rodeo, Calif.; Penny Kay, born 4 March 1959 at Fayetteville, Ark.; Tamara Lynn, born 16 January 1961 in Washington; Jean Len, born 5 December 1966 in Colorado; and Troy Dean, born 12 June 1968 in Minnesota.

Jessie, the tenth child of Robert Edward Lee and Salona Cordelia Cornett, married Freeman Shuster 21 July 1928 at Huntsville, Ark. He was born 27 February 1908 at Kingman, Ark., the son of Marion Isaiah Shuster and Rosa Belle Phillips. They have three children all born at Huntsville, Ark.: Marian LaVerne, born 19 May 1929; Elizabeth Ann, born 1 September 1937; and Charles Freeman, born 18 May 1943. Jessie worked as clerk in the Arkansas State Legislature at Huntsville, through the two terms of 1931 and 1933. In 1949, she started working at the newspaper office of *The Madison County Record,* published weekly, which she continued for

17 years. (Former Governor, Orval E. Faubus was owner and editor until he got into politics.) Jessie has worked at the First National Bank of Huntsville for the last four years.

Freeman Shuster moved to Huntsville with his parents when he was three or four years old. He grew up and attended school there. He took Civil Service Examinations and became a mail carrier on the Rural Free Delivery Route. He continued with that work for 35 years. In 1968, he had a heart attack which eventually forced him to retire in 1970.

Freeman and Jessie make their home in Huntsville where they have lived during the 42 years of their married life.

Marian LaVerne, the first child of Jessie and Freeman Shuster, graduated from Arkansas State Teacher's College, receiving a degree in home economics. She was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Marian married Tom Ellis Cochran 4 March 1951. He was born 29 July 1928 at Jonesboro, Ark., the son of M. C. Cochran and Opal Ellis. She worked in New Orleans for four years while her husband finished his degree in dentistry at Loyola University. Marian did welfare work for awhile then she was named a home demonstration agent in a parish adjoining New Orleans.

Marian and Tom Ellis Cochran have two children: Thomas Shuster, born 2 July 1955 at Minden, La., and Alison Kelly, born 30 January 1960 at Haynesville, La. The family lives in Haynesville, La. where Tom Ellis is a dentist. They are members of the Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Ann, the second child of Jessie and Freeman Shuster, married Edward Pianalto 1 December 1956. He was born 12 October 1932 at Tontitown, Ark., the son of Leo Joseph Pianalto and Lucy Ceola. They have seven children, all born at Tontitown, Ark.: Dwain Edward, born 26 August 1957; Christopher Joseph, born 19 November 1958; Gregory Michael, born 3 May 1960; Denise Annette, born 5 July 1961; Melanie Ann, born 29 June 1962; Anthony Alan, born

7 December 1964; and Timothy Charles, born 26 December 1965.

Elizabeth Ann and Edward Pianalto live on a farm near Springdale, Ark. where they raise chickens for market, and have a herd of milch cows. They are all members of the Catholic Church.

Charles Freeman, the third child of Jessie and Freeman Shuster, married Charlene Lu Rogers 1 September 1967. She was born 4 July 1945 at Klamath Falls, Oregon, the daughter of Jack Owen Rogers and Mary Elizabeth Billingsley.

Charles and Charlene live at Wynne, Ark. where he is a pharmacist and she is attending a nursing school. Charlene expects to graduate to be a registered nurse next year.

Chapter XIII

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

MINERVA CORNETT

Minerva Cornett, the eighth child of Nancy and John Cornett III, was born in Perry County, Ky. 24 May 1871. She came to Arkansas with her parents when she was a baby. She grew up on the farm and went to school at Dutton, Ark.

Minerva married Joseph Smith Miller 21 January 1893. He was the son of Columbus C. Miller and Mary Elizabeth Stewart, born 15 September 1872 in Osborn, Mo. When he was one year old, his parents moved to Rising Sun, Indiana where he lived until he was 18 years of age. For a few months, Smith stayed in Little Rock, Ark. then went to Dutton to teach school when he was 19.

To Minerva and Smith Miller, eight children were born, the first six on a farm near Dutton. They are: George W., born 6 April 1894; Mary Elizabeth, born 8 August 1895; Guy Frank, born 16 April 1897; Edith, born 6 April 1899; Cora Paula, born 15 November 1903; John Smith, born 1 January 1905, died 5 March 1933. The family moved to St. Paul in 1906 where Clifford C. was born 27 December 1906 and Golda Ann 15 September 1909. In a few years, they moved back to the farm at Dutton and lived there until they moved to Huntsville, Ark. in 1915.

J. Smith Miller taught school in south Madison County and farmed until he moved to Huntsville. He was elected Circuit Clerk of the county and was president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Huntsville from 1918 until the early 1930's when he paid all investors and liquidated the bank.

Smith was owner of the Huntsville Motor Company and Manager of the Miller Abstract office until his daughter, Golda learned to run it.

Minerva and Smith were devoted members of the First Baptist Church. He was a deacon and served as Sunday School Superintendent or as a teacher all those years. Minerva died 31 July 1946 after a prolonged illness. Smith Miller gradually turned his business over to his children and lived in his old home with his two daughters to look after him. Until a couple of years before his death, he remained active in business affairs then he went into semi-retirement. He maintained an active interest in community affairs until his last illness. He died 24 February 1961 at the age of 88. He was buried beside his wife in Huntsville Cemetery.

George W. Miller, the first child of Smith and Minerva Miller, enlisted in the navy and served through World War I on the U. S. Battleship Texas. He assisted in laying the mines in the North Sea, a most dangerous task, and he was on the second vessel when the Germans surrendered their fleet.

After George received an honorable discharge from the navy, he married Stella Ledbetter and moved to a farm north of Huntsville, Ark. He took over the management of a filling station which his father owned. When Stella died in 1960, after a long illness, George continued to live on his farm alone. He had a heart condition and he would not have a phone. Every morning, when he came to town to work, he stopped by to see his sister, Golda, in the Abstract office. On 8 May 1964, he did not come as usual, and Golda went out to see about him. George was lying on his kitchen floor. He had been dead only a few minutes. The whole countryside was stricken with grief.

Mary Elizabeth, the second child of Minerva and Smith Miller, married Marion Edward Stevens, an electrician employed by the Standard Oil Company at Fullerton, Calif. They had two sons: George Edward Stevens, born 31 March

1921, at Fullerton, Calif. and Joseph M. Stevens, born 19 March 1924 at Santa Ana, California.

Some years later, Mary and her sons moved back to Arkansas where she married the second time. She married Jack Henrie and moved to Fayetteville, Ark. where they lived the rest of their lives. Jack was very ill for some length of time and Mary became crippled with arthritis. After Jack's death in 1961, Mary passed away 26 January 1962.

George Edward, the first son of Mary and Marion Edward Stevens, enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served during World War II. He was promoted to Captain.

At the close of the war, George Edward was discharged and went back to the University of Arkansas to finish the degree he had previously started in Electrical Engineering. He was employed by the Carter Oil Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company, and sent to Sumatra as an electrical engineer.

George returned to the United States and married Virginia Earline Land 26 December 1952 at Fayetteville, Ark. She was born 10 November 1926 at Winslow, Ark., the daughter of Earl Land and Mary Virginia Hanna. They moved to Tulsa, Okla. where their daughter, Mary Virginia, was born 13 November 1954. George Edward died of leukemia 30 July 1956 at Tulsa and was buried at Fayetteville, Ark.

Some years later, Virginia Earline married Gregory Lane Stephens of Tulsa. Mary Virginia attends Tulsa High School and will graduate in 1972. She plans to go to college to earn a degree in elementary education.

Joseph M. Stevens joined the Naval Reserve 3 June 1942 and completed Civil Pilot training at the University of Arkansas. On 10 December 1942, he went on active duty as Aviation Cadet Naval Reserve, serving at University of Georgia, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. On 29 October 1943, he received a commission as ensign and his pilot wings.

Joseph married Martha Lou Ray 25 February 1950 at

Fayetteville. She was born 18 1928 at Walnut Springs, Ark., the daughter of Hugh Ray and Abbie Bell Ward. They have two children: Patty Jo, born 17 September 1950 at Fayetteville and Philip Ray, born 30 March 1952 at Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In June 1951, Joseph M. graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B. S. Degree in Industrial Engineering. He worked as a crop duster pilot during the summer of 1951 and then obtained a job as an engineer.

In September 1952, Joseph was recalled, involuntarily, to active duty. He flew patrol planes based in Japan during the war in Korea, was flight instructor at Corpus Christi, and was stationed at Alameda, California. In July 1960, he was released to inactive duty and promoted to USNR 1 July 1960.

Since 1960, Joseph has been employed as Industrial Engineer at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas (Civil Service GS 12).

Martha Lou is working for Lighting Fixture Mart, Inc., a corporation of which Joseph and Martha Lou own half the stock. They are distributors for lighting fixtures and most sales are to builders.

Patty Jo Stevens, the daughter, is presently working as a nurse's aide.

Philip Ray Stevens, the son, entered Texas A & M University 24 August 1970 and is studying physics.

Guy Frank, the third child of Minerva and Smith Miller, served his country during World War I. After his discharge, Guy married Cloe Dolly Parker in 1925. They moved to California where they had two children: a son who died at birth, and Frankie Jo, born 12 January 1926 at Huntington Beach, California.

Guy and Dolly lived in Fullerton, California where he worked for Standard Oil Company for more than 30 years. They moved to Bakersfield, California, about 1960. Guy has retired and they live there at the present time.

Frankie Jo Miller, the daughter of Guy and Dolly Miller, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and married William Thomas Rintoul at Taft, California 19 June 1948. He is the son of Henry Ward Beecher Rintoul and Deane O'Conner. They have two children: Susan Margaret, born 10 May 1950 at Delano, California, and James David, born 3 December 1951 at Bakersfield, California.

William Thomas Rintoul has received honorable mention several times for his writing and his photography. He had an article published in the Christian Science Monitor recently.

Edith, the fourth child of Minerva and Smith Miller, married a Mr. Nichols. She has been a widow for many years. She came to live with her parents and has worked in the First National Bank of Huntsville for more than 30 years. Edith is cashier at the present time.

Edith Nichols owns a cattle ranch out several miles from Huntsville and lives in her father's old home which she has remodeled. The home sits on the side of a beautiful mountain among the native trees, just across the highway from the main part of Huntsville. It has always had icy cold running water piped in from a spring high up the mountain. Edith has a modern home in a picturesque setting.

Cora Paula, the fifth child of Minerva and Smith Miller, married Oris Smith, a farmer, and moved out to his farm eleven miles east of Huntsville Ark. where they lived for many years. In 1964, they bought the farm formerly owned by Paula's brother, the late George Miller which is located about a mile north of Huntsville. Paula and Oris have remodeled the house and improved the farm.

John Smith Miller, the sixth child of Minerva and Smith Miller, died 5 March 1933 at the age of 28. He was unmarried.

Clifford (Pete), the seventh child of Minerva and Smith

Miller, moved to Huntsville with his parents when he was eight years old. He attended the schools there and graduated from Sweeney Mechanic School at Kansas City, Mo.

Clifford married Margaret Morris of Purdy, Ark. in June 1928. They had two daughters, both were born at Huntsville: Barbara Ann, born 23 August 1931 and Phyllis Jean, born 29 September 1934. They farmed for a short time then Clifford became associated with his father in the Huntsville Motor Company.

Except for a brief period in which Clifford worked for a lumber mill in Winslow, Arizona, he spent his entire working life with the Huntsville Motor Co. He became widely known as an outstanding garage operator and manager as well as a skilled mechanic.

Clifford (Pete) Miller died suddenly of a heart attack 9 January 1958 and was buried in the Huntsville Cemetery.

Barbara Ann, the first daughter of Clifford and Margaret Miller, married Ellis Landers McIntosh 8 January 1949 at Conway, Arkansas. He was born 15 December 1925 at Batesville, Arkansas, the son of Ellis Leland McIntosh and Geraldine Landers. They have three children: Katherine Ann, born 8 May 1950 at Fayetteville, Ark.; Elizabeth Ellen, born 13 August 1953 at Batesville, Ark.; and Ellis Landers Jr., born 21 June 1956 at Springdale, Arkansas.

Ellis Landers and Barbara are both school teachers. They taught in Arizona for several years. They moved to Russellville, Ark. in 1969 where they are teaching at the present time.

Phyllis Jean, the second daughter of Clifford and Margaret Miller, married Billy G. Sherry 20 September 1952 in the Presbyterian Church at Huntsville, Ark. He was born 29 June 1927, the son of Oakley Sherry and Lucy Perry, at Springdale, Ark. His parents died when he was a small child and he was reared by his grandmother on a farm near Springdale.

Phyllis Jean and Billy G. Sherry have two children: Larry Allen, born 8 October 1953 at Springdale, and Laurinda Kay, born 18 February 1957, also at Springdale, Arkansas.

Billy Sherry owns and operates Sherry's Auto Clinic in Springdale and Phyllis works at the First State Bank. The members of the family are all active in the First Baptist Church.

Golda Ann, the eighth child of Minerva and J. Smith Miller, graduated from Huntsville High School, attended the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Ark. through 1926-1928, taught in Huntsville Vocational School through 1928-1933, and graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark. in 1934.

Golda married Price Gregory Fritts in July 1949 at Huntsville, Ark. He was born 4 December 1904 in Madison County, Ark., the son of Vernon Fritts and Rose Mary Rainey. Price Fritts has a son by a former marriage, Thomas Vernon Fritts, born 4 June 1938 at Huntsville, Ark. He is married to Lavinia Kinion.

Golda taught in the Huntsville High School for the school year 1954-55. She was associated with her father in the Abstract Business from 1936 until his death in 1961. Each year she took on more and more of the work. She now owns and operates the J. S. Miller Abstract Company.

Price Fritts owns and operates the Huntsville T. V. Cable Co. Inc.

Chapter XIV

CHILDREN OF JOHN CORNETT II

EMMA CORNETT

Emma Cornett, the tenth child of Nancy and John Cornett II was born 12 May 1887 on her parent's farm near Dutton, Ark. When her father died in 1904, she and her mother moved to a small house in Dutton where they lived for several years. Her daughter, Uvalda, was born there 23 March 1905.

Nancy Cornett began to lose her sight. Her eyes dimmed more and more, until finally, her sight was completely gone. Emma took care of her aged mother as long as she lived.

Emma grew a wonderful garden every year, two full crops each year on her large lot in town. She also had several good fruit trees which furnished plenty of fruit in season.

After her mother's death in 1920, Emma and Uvalda went to Oklahoma to visit her older sister, Adaline Kirby, at Eufaula. They stayed in Oklahoma for a few years living first in Eufaula and then in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Uvalda married Walter Russell 10 December 1924 in Webb City, Mo. He was born in 1897 in Webb City, Mo., the son of W. R. Russell and Ona Hutchens.

Walter, Uvalda and Emma moved to Huntsville, Ark., living in a small house back of Smith Miller for a few years. Then they moved out to one of Uncle Smith's farms where they lived until they moved to California in 1947.

Walter and Uvalda Russell both worked at the Knotts Berry Farm at Buena Park, California. Walter died 29 November 1950. Emma died 9 July 1955. They are both

buried in Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton, California.

Uvalda Russell continued to work at Knotts and lived by herself. After her mother died, she was very lonely, but she had some relatives who also worked at the Farm, and they dropped in now and then.

Uvalda Russell married Francis Bunn Misner 9 March 1957 in Joplin, Missouri. He was born 19 November 1907 at Prosperity, Mo., the son of John Misner and Mary Smith. They moved to Sarcoxie, Mo. where Francis Bunn Misner was able to work for several years. Then his health failed and it became necessary for him to retire. He died 8 August 1968 and was buried in the Sarcoxie Cemetery.

Uvalda continues to live in Sarcoxie, Mo. She had a stroke a few years ago which left her in very poor health. But she is still able to live alone and take care of her home. A stepdaughter, who lives near, comes in to see her often.

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